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<p>(54) Title: NITROSATED AND NITROSYLATED COMPOUNDS AND COMPOSITIONS AND THEIR USE FOR TREATING RESPIRATORY DISORDERS</p>		
<p>(57) Abstract Disclosed are (i) compounds of a steroid, a β-agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer and a phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitor directly or indirectly linked to a NO or NO₂ group or a group which stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF <i>in vivo</i>; (ii) compositions of steroids, β-agonists, anticholinergics, mast cell stabilizers and PDE inhibitors, which can optionally be substituted with at least one NO or NO₂ moiety or a group which stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF <i>in vivo</i>, and a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide as a charged species, i.e., nitrosonium (NO⁺) or nitroxyl (NO⁻), or as the neutral species, nitric oxide (NO), or that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF <i>in vivo</i>; and (iii) uses for them in preventing and/or treating respiratory disorders.</p>		

**NITROSATED AND NITROSYLATED
COMPOUNDS AND COMPOSITIONS AND THEIR
USE FOR TREATING RESPIRATORY DISORDERS**

The present invention relates to the field of compounds, compositions and uses therefore, in oral and/or nasal administration prophylaxis and/or treatment of respiratory disorders. More particularly the invention relates to nitrosated and nitrosylated compounds, compositions comprising such compounds, which can optionally be unsubstituted or substituted with at least one NO or NO₂ moiety, and a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide as a charged species, i.e., nitrosonium (NO⁺) or nitroxyl (NO⁻), or as the neutral species, nitric oxide (NO); and uses for each of them.

A broad spectrum of respiratory diseases and disorders have been recognized, many of which have overlapping and interacting etiologies. One of the most widespread and prevalent of these diseases in western populations is the chronic disease referred to as "asthma". Other such disorders are also characterized by acute pulmonary vasoconstriction such as may result from pneumonia, traumatic injury, aspiration or inhalation injury, fat embolism in the lung, acidosis inflammation of the lung, adult respiratory distress syndrome, acute pulmonary edema, acute mountain sickness, post-cardiac surgery, acute pulmonary hypertension, persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn, perinatal aspiration syndrome, hyaline membrane disease, acute pulmonary thromboembolism, heparin-protamine reactions, sepsis, status asthmaticus or hypoxia (including iatrogenic hypoxia) and other forms of reversible pulmonary vasoconstriction. Such pulmonary disorders also are also characterized by

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inflammation of the lung including those associated with the migration into the lung of nonresident cell types including the various leucocyte subclasses. Also included in the respiratory disorders contemplated are cystic fibrosis and other diseases which are characterized by excess mucosal secretion. Other physiological events which are contemplated to be controlled include platelet activation in the lung.

Asthma is a major and disabling obstructive respiratory disease associated with significant morbidity and mortality. The term "asthma" has been used to describe a condition which is characterized by widespread fluctuations in the diameter or caliber of bronchial airways over short periods of time resulting in changes in lung function. The resulting increased resistance to air flow produces symptoms including breathlessness (dyspnea), chest constriction or "tightness" and wheeze. The term as used is not currently limited to a disorder or disease resulting from any specific cause or causes, rather it is characterized by its clinical manifestation. A true immunological mechanism may or may not be a factor in the etiology of an individual asthmatic condition. Further, characteristic wheezing may not be present in particularly severe attacks where transport of air is completely obstructed. Regardless of the cause, asthma in all sufferers is characterized by reversible hyperresponsiveness of tracheal bronchial smooth muscle resulting in its contraction and interference with normal respiration. The lungs of patients who die of asthma are usually pale pink, hyperinflated, and fail to collapse after their removal from the chest. Many of the airways throughout the bronchial tree are occluded by thick mucus plugs which are infiltrated with various types of leukocytes, including mast cells. The smooth muscle of the airways is hypertrophied. The bronchoconstriction or bronchospasm characterized by asthmatic attacks causes obstruction to air flow which necessitates a forced exhalation and maintenance of artificially elevated functional air reserve capacity to keep the airways open. The resultant lung hyperinflation places a significant stress on the cardiovascular system (particularly the right ventricle) which can lead to a consequent cardiovascular event. One possible result is a progressive decrease in cardiac output referred to as "cardiopulmonary tamponade". Most deaths resulting from asthma are caused by a condition referred to as "status asthmaticus," which is essentially an intensely severe and bronchospasm that is unresponsive to treatment.

Various categories of drugs are known to be useful in the inhalation of treatment of asthma. These include β_2 agonists (such as salmeterol, albuterol, metaprotermol, terbutaline, pirbuterol, rimiterol, clenbuterol, bitolterol and repreterol, adrenalin, isoproterenol, ephedrine, orciprenlaine, fenoterol and isoetharine); anticholinergic agents (such as atropine, ipratropium, flutropium, tiotropium and rispenzepine) and mast cell stabilizers (chromolyn and nedocromil). Selective β agonists have recently been developed with fewer cardiotoxic side effects than those previously employed and are now considered suitable therapeutics for management of bronchitis and, particularly, emphysema, for which there previously had not been a suitable effective form of therapy.

Although corticosteroids are not generally indicated for routine use in the treatment of asthma, whether acute or chronic, they are used in large doses in the treatment of status asthmaticus. Nonetheless, the use of inhaled corticosteroids for the treatment of bronchial asthma has increased in recent years. Most frequently beclomethasone dipropionate, triamcinolone acetonide or flunisolide can be used to reduce or replace oral corticosteroid therapy, particularly in the treatment of children. This avoids or reduces bronchial reactivity and behavioral toxicity. See Cott and Cherniack, *Steroids and "Steroid-sparing Agents in Asthma"*, *New Engl. J. Med.*, 318:634-636, 1988.

Cystic fibrosis is a multi-organ disorder of the exocrine glands which is congenital, lethal and affects all populations, particularly European and North American populations. Primary effects of cystic fibrosis are in the secretory glands, particularly mucous secretion. One of the organ systems most effected by cystic fibrosis is the lungs and respiratory tract. Therapy is as yet only symptomatic as the underlying genetic defect has yet to be characterized.

The present invention is based on the discovery by the inventors that it is possible to directly or indirectly link an NO or NO₂ group or a group which stimulates the endogenous production of NO or endothelium-derived relaxing factor (EDRF) *in vivo*, to a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitor and that the resulting compound has beneficial therapeutic effects of both a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer, or PDE inhibitor and an NO donor or stimulator.

Therefore, one aspect of the invention provides a compound comprising a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a phosphodiesterase inhibitor which comprises at least one NO and/or NO₂ group wherein the NO group and/or NO₂ group is linked to the β -agonist, the anticholinergic, the mast cell stabilizer or the phosphodiesterase inhibitor through an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom. As mentioned, the groups can be linked through sites such as oxygen (hydroxyl condensation), sulfur (sulfhydryl condensation) and nitrogen.

The invention is further based on the discovery by the inventors that it is possible to co-administer a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a PDE inhibitor with a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide and/or a compound that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*. A nitric oxide donor is a compound that contains a nitric oxide moiety and which releases or chemically transfers nitric oxide to another molecule. Nitric oxide donors include but are not limited to S-nitrosothiols, nitrites, 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazines, and substrates of various forms of nitric oxide synthase. Compounds that stimulate endogenous production of nitric oxide or EDRF *in vivo* include L-arginine, the substrate of nitric oxide synthase, cytokines, adenosine, bradykinin, calreticulin, bisacodyl, phenolphthalein, and endothelin.

In another aspect of the invention there is provided a compound as described above and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Another aspect of the invention provides a composition comprising (i) a therapeutically effective amount of a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer and/or a PDE inhibitor in combination with (ii) a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide and/or a compound that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*.

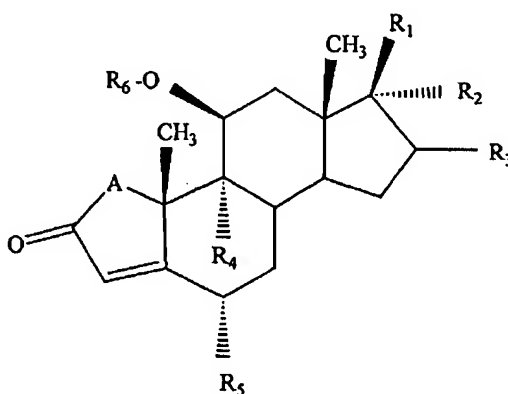


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In another aspect the invention provides a composition comprising (i) a therapeutically effective amount of a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a PDE inhibitor to which is directly or indirectly linked at least one NO or NO₂ group or a group that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*, and
 5 (ii) a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide and/or a compound that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*. The invention also provides such compositions in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

In another aspect of the invention there is provided a compound of structure I:

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wherein A is -CH=CH- or -CH₂-CH₂-;

- R₁ is
- (1) -C(O)CH₂-B-D,
 - (2) -C(O)-C(O)-O-R_i,
 - (3) -C(O)-B-R_i,
 - (4) -C(O)-CH₂-B-C(O)-R_i,
 - (5) -C(O)-CH₂-X,
 - (6) -S-R_i, or
 - (7) -C(O)CH₂-B-M;

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D is $-\text{NO}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{R}_4)\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{Y}-(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_p-\text{T}-\text{Q}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{T}^1-(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_p-\text{T}^2-\text{Q}$,
or $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{T}(\text{C}(\text{R}_y)(\text{R}_z))_p$;

M is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{T}-(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_p-\text{G}-(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_p-\text{N}(\text{N}-(\text{O})\text{N}=\text{O})-\text{R}_i$, or

B is oxygen or sulfur; with the proviso that when B in the definition of

5 $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-\text{B}-\text{D}$ is oxygen then R_6 is not hydrogen, $-\text{NO}$, or $-\text{NO}_2$;

R_4 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, aryl or heteroaryl;

R_i is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, or heteroaryl;

R_e and R_f are each independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, alkylamino, dialkylaminio, carboxy, carboxamido, or R_e and R_f taken

10 together are carbonyl, cycloalkyl or bridged cycloalkyl;

p is an integer from 1 to 6;

X is halogen;

T is a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen;

G is a covalent bond, $-\text{T}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{T}$ or Y; Y is oxygen, sulfur or NR_i ;

15 Q is $-\text{NO}$ or $-\text{NO}_2$;

T^1 and T^2 are each independently T;

R_y and R_z are each independently $-\text{T}^1-(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_p-\text{G}-(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_p-\text{T}^2-\text{Q}$

R_2 and R_3 are each independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, $-\text{O}(\text{O})\text{C}-\text{R}_i$, or $-\text{S}-\text{R}_i$; or R_2 and R_3 taken together are

20 $-\text{O} \quad \text{R}_1^1$

$-\text{O} \quad \text{R}_1^2$

R_1^1 and R_1^2 are each independently R_i ;

R_4 and R_5 are each independently hydrogen or halogen;

25 R_6 is hydrogen, D or M; with the proviso that R_6 must be D or M if the selection of R_i does not include M.

In another aspect the invention provides a method for treating respiratory disorders, such as asthma, in an individual in need thereof which comprises administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a PDE inhibitor to which is directly or indirectly linked at least one



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NO or NO₂ group and/or a group that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*.

In another aspect of the invention there is provided a method for treating asthma in
5 an individual comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the composition as described above.

In another aspect of the invention there is provided a method for treating a
respiratory disorder in an individual comprising administering a therapeutically effective
10 amount of the composition as described above.

In another aspect of the invention there is provided a method for treating cystic
fibrosis in an individual comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the
composition as described above.



In another aspect the invention provides a method of treating respiratory disorders, such as asthma, in an individual in need thereof which comprises administering to the individual (i) a therapeutically effective amount of a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a PDE inhibitor, which optionally may be substituted with at least one NO or NO₂ group or a group that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*, and (ii) a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, and/or a group that stimulates production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*.

The steroid, β -agonist, anticholinergic, mast cell stabilizer or PDE inhibitor and the compounds that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide and/or stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo* can be administered separately or as components of the same composition in one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

The following drawings are illustrative of embodiments of the invention and do not limit the scope of the invention as defined by the claims.

Figure 1 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing steroid derivatives.

Figure 2 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing steroid derivatives.

Figure 3 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing steroid derivatives.



Figure 4 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing steroid derivatives.

Figure 5 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing β -agonist derivatives.

Figure 6 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing β -agonist derivatives.

Figure 7 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing β -agonist derivatives.

Figure 8 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing β -agonist derivatives.

Figure 9 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing anticholinergic derivatives.

Figure 10 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing anticholinergic derivatives.

Figure 11 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing anticholinergic derivatives.

Figure 12 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing anticholinergic derivatives.

Figure 13 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 14 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 15 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 16 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 17 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 18 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 19 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 20 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing rispenzepine derivatives.

Figure 21 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing mast cell stablizer derivatives.

Figure 22 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing mast cell stablizer derivatives.

Figure 23 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing mast cell stablizer derivatives.

Figure 24 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing mast cell stablizer derivatives.

Figure 25 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of sidnonimine containing mast cell stablizer derivatives.

Figure 26 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrite containing phosphodiesterase inhibitor derivatives.

Figure 27 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrosothiol containing phosphodiesterase inhibitor derivatives.

Figure 28 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of nitrate containing phosphodiesterase inhibitor derivatives.

Figure 29 illustrates a synthetic pathway for the preparation of 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine containing phosphodiesterase inhibitor derivatives.

The following illustrative elucidations are provided to facilitate understanding of certain terms used frequently herein, particularly in the examples. The elucidations are provided as a convenience and are not limitative of the invention.

The term "lower alkyl" as used herein refers to branched or straight chain alkyl groups comprising one to ten carbon atoms, including methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, neopentyl and the like.

The term "alkoxy" as used herein refers to $R_{50}O$ -wherein R_{50} is lower alkyl as defined above. Representative examples of alkoxy groups include methoxy, ethoxy, t-butoxy and the like.

The term "alkoxyalkyl" as used herein refers to an alkoxy group as previously defined appended to an alkyl group as previously defined. Examples of alkoxyalkyl include, but are not limited to, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, isopropoxymethyl and the like.

The term "hydroxy" as used herein refers to -OH.

The term "hydroxyalkyl" as used herein refers to a hydroxy group as previously defined appended to a lower alkyl group as previously defined.

The term "alkenyl" as used herein refers to a branched or straight chain C_2 - C_{10} hydrocarbon which also comprises one or more carbon-carbon double bonds.

The term "amino" as used herein refers to $-NH_2$.

The term "carboxy" as used herein refers to $-C(O)O-$.

The term "nitrate" as used herein refers to $-O-NO_2$.

The term "nitrite" as used herein refers to $-O-NO$.

The term "alkylamino" as used herein refers to $R_{S1}NH$ -wherein R_{S1} is a lower alkyl group as defined above, for example, methylamino, ethylamino, butylamino, and the like.

The term "dialkylamino" as used herein refers to $R_{S2}R_{S3}N$ -wherein R_{S2} and R_{S3} are independently selected from lower alkyl groups as defined above, for example dimethylamino, diethylamino, methyl propylamino and the like.

The term "nitro" as used herein refers to the group $-NO_2$ and "nitrosated" refers to compounds that have been substituted therewith.

The term "nitroso" as used herein refers to the group $-NO$ and "nitrosylated" refers to compounds that have been substituted therewith.

The term "aryl" as used herein refers to a mono- or bicyclic carbocyclic ring system having one or two aromatic rings including, but not limited to, phenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, indenyl, and the like. Aryl groups (including bicyclic aryl groups) can be unsubstituted or substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from loweralkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, hydroxy, halo, and nitro. In addition, substituted aryl groups include tetrafluorophenyl and pentafluorophenyl.

The term "arylalkyl" as used herein refers to a lower alkyl radical to which is appended an aryl group. Representative arylalkyl groups include benzyl, phenylethyl, hydroxybenzyl, fluorobenzyl, fluorophenylethyl and the like.

The term "arylalkoxy" as used herein refers to an alkoxy radical to which is appended an aryl group. Representative arylalkoxy groups include benzyloxy, phenylethoxy, chlorophenylethoxy and the like.

The term "cycloalkyl" as used herein refers to an alicyclic group comprising from 3 to 7 carbon atoms including, but not limited to, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like.

The term "bridged cycloalkyl" herein refers to two or more cycloalkyl radicals fused via adjacent or non-adjacent carbon atoms, including but not limited to adamantyl and decahydronaphthyl.

The term "cycloalkoxy" as used herein refers to $R_{54}O-$ wherein R_{54} is cycloalkyl as defined above. Representative examples of alkoxy groups include cyclopropoxy, cyclopentyloxy, and cyclohexyloxy and the like.

The term "arylthio" herein refers to $R_{55}S-$ wherein R_{55} is an aryl group.

The term "alkylsulfinyl" herein refers to $R_{55}-S(O)_2-$ wherein R_{55} is as previously defined.

The term "carboxamido" herein refers to $-C(O)NH-$.

The term "carbamoyl" herein refers to $-O-C(O)NH_2$.

The term "carboxyl" herein refers to $-CO_2H$.

The term "halogen" or "halo" as used herein refers to I, Br, Cl, or F. The term "haloalkyl" as used herein refers to a lower alkyl radical, as defined above, bearing at least one halogen substituent, for example, chloromethyl, fluoroethyl or trifluoromethyl and the like.

The term "haloalkyl" as used herein refers to a lower alkyl radical to which is appended one or more halogens. Representative examples of a haloalkyl group include trifluoromethyl, chloromethyl, 2-bromobutyl, 1-bromo-2-chloro-pentyl and the like.

The term "haloalkoxy" as used herein refers to a haloalkyl radical to which is appended an alkoxy group. Representative examples of haloalkoxy groups include fluoromethoxy, 1,1,1-trichloroethoxy, 2-bromobutoxy and the like.

The term "halide" refers to the monovalent anions chloride, bromide, and iodide.

The term "heteroaryl" as used herein refers to a mono- or bi- cyclic ring system containing one or two aromatic rings and containing at least one nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur atom in an aromatic ring. Heteroaryl groups (including bicyclic heteroaryl groups) can be unsubstituted or substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from lower alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, hydroxy, halo and nitro. Examples of heteroaryl groups include but are not limited to pyridine, pyrazine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, pyrazole, triazole, thiazole, isothiazole, benzothiazole, benzoxazole, thiadiazole, oxazole, pyrrole, imidazole and isoxazole.

The term "heterocyclic ring" refers to any 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered nonaromatic ring containing at least one nitrogen atom, oxygen, or sulfur.

The term "arylheterocyclic ring" as used herein refers to a bi- or tricyclic ring comprised of an aryl ring as previously defined appended via two adjacent carbons of the aryl group to a heterocyclic ring as previously defined.

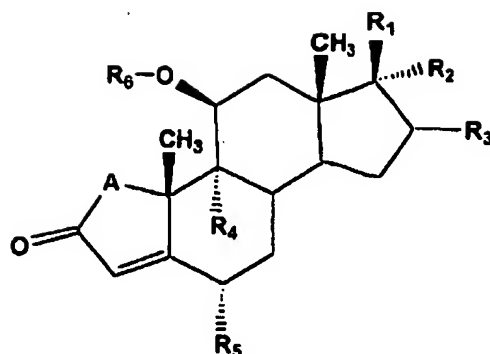
The term "heterocyclic compounds" herein refers to mono and polycyclic compounds containing at least one heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring.

Examples of contemplated steroids include beclamethasone, fluticasone, flunisolide, triamcinolone, butixocort, dexamethasone, fluocortin, budesonide, tixocortol, tipredane and mometasone. Examples of contemplated β -agonists include salmeterol, albuterol, metaproterenol, terbutaline, pitbuterol, rimiterol, clenbuterol, bitoterol and reproterol. Examples of contemplated anticholinergics include ipratropium, flutropium, tiotropium and rispenzepine. Examples of contemplated mast cell stabilizers include cromalyn and nedocromil. Examples of contemplated PDE inhibitors include filaminast, denbufyllene piclamilast, zardaverine, and rolipram.

Sources of information for the above include Goodman and Gilman, *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics* (8th Ed.), McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1993; the *Physician's Desk Reference* (49th Ed.), Medical Economics (1995); *Drug Facts and Comparisons* (1993 Ed), *Facts and Comparisons* (1993); and *The Merck Index* (11th Ed.), Merck & Co., Inc. (1989), all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

A principal aspect of the invention relates to novel nitrosated and/or nitrosylated compounds.

One embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



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wherein

A is selected from $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$;

R_1 is selected from

(1) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-\text{B}-\text{D}$ wherein B is oxygen or sulfur; D is selected from (i) $-\text{NO}$; (ii) $-\text{NO}_2$; (iii) $-\text{C}(\text{R}_d)-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{Y}-[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f)]_p-\text{T}-\text{Q}$ in which R_d is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, aryl or heteroaryl, Y is oxygen, sulfur, or NR_i in which R_i is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, or heteroaryl, R_e and R_f are at each occurrence independently selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxy, carboxamido, or taken together are carbonyl, cycloalkyl or bridged cycloalkyl, p is an integer from 1 to 6, T is a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen and Q is selected from $-\text{NO}$ or $-\text{NO}_2$; (iv) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{T}^1-[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f)]_p-\text{T}^2-\text{Q}$ wherein T^1 and T^2 are independently selected from T and R_e , R_f , p, Q, and T are as defined above; (v) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{T}[\text{C}(\text{R}_y)(\text{R}_z)]_p$ wherein R_y and R_z are independently selected from $-\text{T}^1-[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f)]_p-\text{G}-[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f)]_p-\text{T}^2-\text{Q}$ wherein G is (i) a covalent bond; (ii) $-\text{T}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$; (iii) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{T}$, or (iv) Y, and wherein R_d , R_e , R_f , p, Q, T, and Y are as defined above;

(2) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{R}_i$ wherein R_i is as defined above;

(3) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{B}-\text{R}_i$ wherein B and R_i are as defined above;

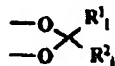
(4) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{B}-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{R}_i$ wherein B and R_i are as defined above;

(5) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{X}$ wherein X is halogen;

(6) $-\text{S}-\text{R}_i$ wherein R_i is as defined above;

(7) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{-B-M}$ wherein M is selected from $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{T-}[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_d)]_p\text{-G-}[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_d)]_p\text{-N}[\text{N-(O)N=O}]\text{-R}_i$ or $-\text{C}(\text{R}_d)\text{-O-C}(\text{O})\text{T-}[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_d)]_p\text{-G-}[\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_d)]_p\text{-N}[\text{N-(O)N=O}]\text{-R}_i$ wherein R_e , R_d , R_i , p, G and T are as defined above;

R_2 and R_3 are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, $-\text{O}(\text{O})\text{C-R}_i$, or $-\text{S-R}_i$ wherein R_i is as defined above or R_2 and R_3 when taken together are

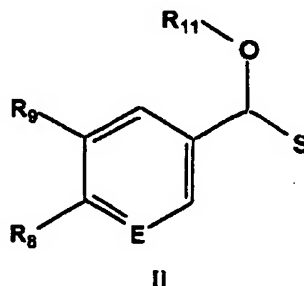


wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from R_i wherein R_i is as defined above;

R_4 and R_5 are independently selected from hydrogen or halogen;

R_6 is selected from hydrogen, D, or M wherein D and M are as defined above with the provision that R_6 must be D or M if the selection for R_1 does not include D or M;

Another embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



wherein,

E is nitrogen or C-R_7 wherein R_7 is hydrogen, halogen, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O-R}_j$, or $-\text{O-R}_j$ wherein R_j is hydrogen, D or M wherein D and M are defined as above;

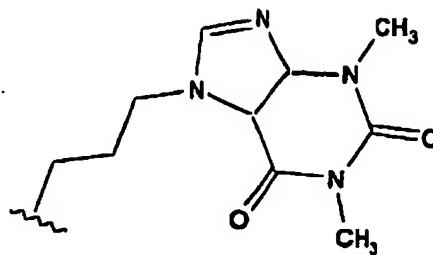
R_8 and R_9 are independently selected from amino, hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O-R}_k$, or $-\text{O-R}_k$ wherein R_k is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-R}_d$ or R_j and R_d and R_j are as defined above;

S is (1) $-\text{CH}_2\text{-N(Z)-R}_{10}$ wherein Z is hydrogen, $-\text{N(O)N=O}$, or M wherein M is as defined above and R_{10} is selected from

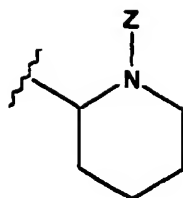
(i) lower alkyl

(ii) $-(CH_2)_p-O-(CH_2)_a-C_6H_5$, wherein a is an integer from 1 to 4 and p is as defined above;

(iii)



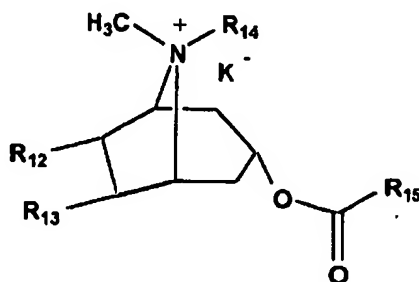
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wherein Z is as defined above; and

R_{11} is selected from hydrogen, D, or M with the provision that R_{11} must be D or M if neither R_8 or R_9 include D or M and Z is hydrogen;

Another embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



III

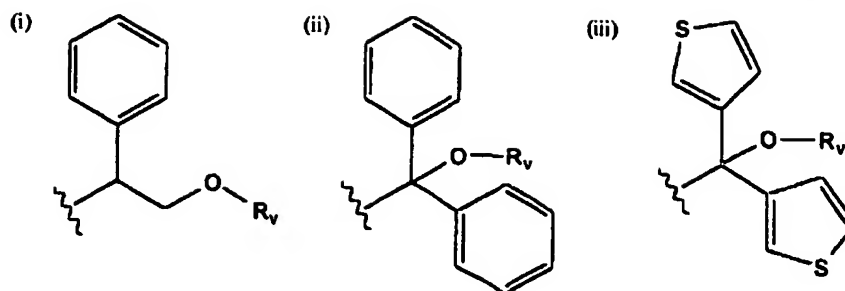
wherein,

K is a monovalent anion selected from halide, nitrate, or nitrite;

R_{12} and R_{13} are hydrogen or, when taken together are oxygen;

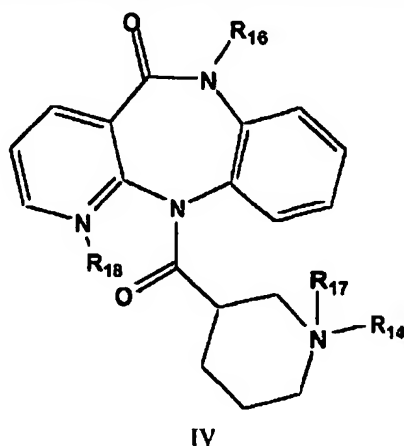
R_{14} is lower alkyl or haloalkyl;

R_{15} is selected from:



wherein R_v is selected from D or M and D and M are as defined above;

Another embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



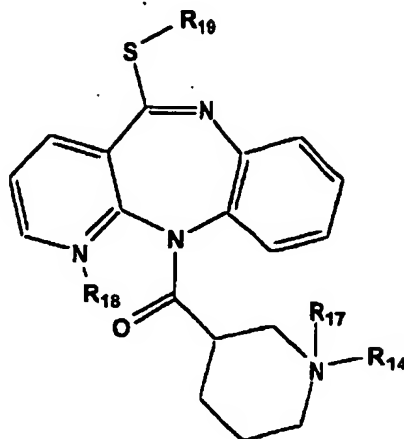
wherein

R_{14} is as defined above;

R_{16} is selected from hydrogen, $-C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-T-Q$, $-C(O)-T^1-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-T^2-Q$, or M; and wherein R_d , R_e , R_f , M, p, T, T^1 , T^2 , Q, and Y are defined as above; and

R_{17} and R_{18} are independently selected from a lone pair of electrons, $-C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-T-Q$, or M wherein R_d , R_e , R_f , M, p, T, Q, and Y are defined as above with the provision that R_{17} and/or R_{18} must be $-C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-T-Q$ or M when R_{16} is hydrogen;

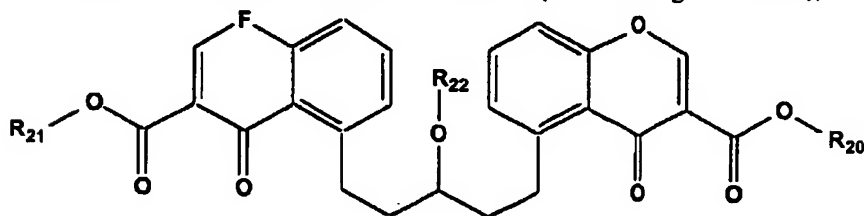
Another embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



V

wherein R_{19} is selected from $-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-G-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-T-Q$ or $-S(O_2)-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-G-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-N[N-(O-)N=O]-R_i$ wherein R_e , R_f , R_i , p , G , Q and T are as defined above; and wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , and R_{18} are as defined above;

Another embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



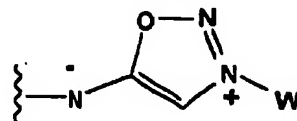
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wherein,

F is selected from oxygen or NR_i wherein R_i is as defined above;

R_{20} and R_{21} are independently selected from (1) $-Y-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-H-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-T-Q$; wherein H is (i) a covalent bond; (ii) $-T-C(O)-$; (iii) $-C(O)-T$; (iv) $-C(Y-C(O)-R_m)-$ wherein R_m is heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring; and wherein Y ,

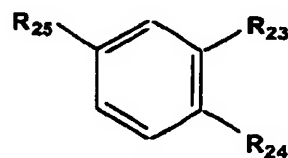
R_d , R_e , R_f , p , Q and T are as defined above; (2) $T-[C(R_q)(R_r)]_p-H-[C(R_e)(R_f)]_p-N[N-(O-)N=O]-R_i$ wherein R_d , R_e , R_f , R_i , p , H and T are as defined above; (3)



in which W is a heterocyclic ring or $NR_sR'_s$, wherein R_s and R'_s are independently selected from lower alkyl, aryl or alkenyl; (4) sodium or (5) hydrogen;

R_{22} is hydrogen, M , or D with the provision that R_{22} must be M or D when R_{20} and R_{21} are selected as sodium or hydrogen;

Another embodiment of this aspect provides compounds having the structure:



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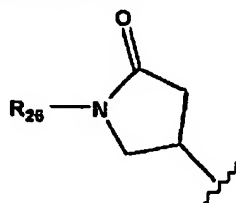
wherein,

R_{23} is alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, or halogen;

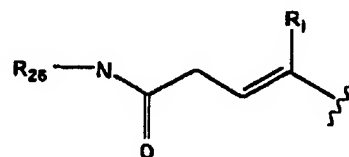
R_{24} is hydrogen, alkoxy, or haloalkoxy; and

R_{25} is selected from:

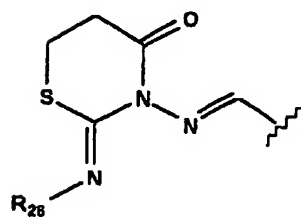
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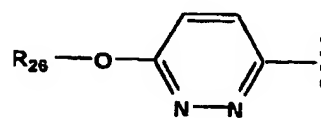
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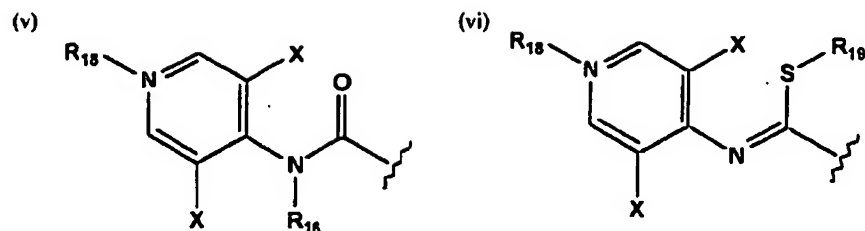


(iii)



(iv)





wherein X is halogen and R_{26} is selected from D or M and wherein R_{16} , R_{18} , and R_{19} are defined as above.

Compounds of the invention which have one or more asymmetric carbon atoms may exist as the optically pure enantiomers, pure diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers, mixtures of diastereomers, racemic mixtures of enantiomers, diastereomeric racemates or mixtures of diastereomeric racemates. It is to be understood that the present invention anticipates and includes within its scope all such isomers and mixtures thereof.

Another aspect of the invention provides processes for making the novel compounds of the invention and to the intermediates useful in such processes.

Some of the compounds of the invention are synthesized as shown in Figures 1 through 29 presented below, in which A, E, F, W, R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_{21} , R_{22} , R_{23} , R_{24} , R_e , R_f , p, and Z are as defined above or as depicted in the reaction schemes for structures I-VII; P^1 is an oxygen protecting group, P^2 is a sulfur protecting group and P^3 is a nitrogen protecting group. The reactions are performed in solvents appropriate to the reagents and materials employed are suitable for the transformations being effected. It is understood by those skilled in the art of organic synthesis that the functionality present in the molecule must be consistent with the chemical transformation proposed. This will, on occasion, necessitate judgment by the routineer as to the order of synthetic steps, protecting groups required, and deprotection conditions. Substituents on the starting materials may be incompatible with some of the reaction conditions required in some of the methods described, but alternative methods and substituents compatible with the reaction conditions will be readily apparent to skilled practitioners in the art. The use of sulfur, oxygen, and nitrogen protecting groups is well known in the art for protecting thiol, alcohol, and amino groups against

undesirable reactions during a synthetic procedure and many such protecting groups are known, *c.f.*, T.H. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, John Wiley & Sons, New York (1991).

One embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures I and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (I) wherein A, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R₁ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 1. The alcohol group of formula 1 is converted to the ester of formula 2 wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected alcohol containing activated acylating agent wherein P¹ is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected alcohol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected alcohol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) or 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDAC · HCl) with or without a catalyst such as dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) or 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt). Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a trimethylsilyl or a tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula IA.

Nitroso compounds of formula (I) wherein A, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an S-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R₁ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 2. The alcohol group of the formula 1 is converted to the ester of the formula 3 wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected thiol containing activated acylating agent wherein P² is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent

such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, as a thiocarbamate such as N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamate, or as a thioether such as a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the thiol moiety (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups while aqueous base is typically utilized to hydrolyze thioesters and N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamates and mercuric trifluoroacetate, silver nitrate, or strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid and heat are used to remove a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether, or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula IB. Alternatively, treatment of compound 3 with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula IB.

Nitro compounds of formula (I) wherein A, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosated ester is representative of the R_i group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 3. The alcohol group of the formula 1 is converted to the ester of the formula IC wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the nitrate containing acid or condensing the alcohol and nitrate containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt to afford a compound of the formula IC.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (I) wherein A, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R_e, R_f, R_i and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine ester is representative of the R_i group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 4. The alcohol group of the formula 1 is converted to the ester of the formula 4 wherein p, R_e, R_f, and R_i are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected amino containing activated acylating agent

wherein P^3 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected amino containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected amine containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC . HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide. Deprotection of the amino moiety (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while piperidine is used to remove 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate while mild aqueous or alcoholic base may be used to cleave a trifluoroacetamide group) followed by treatment of the amine with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula **II**.

Another embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures **II** and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (**II**) wherein E, R_9 , R_{10} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above, Z and R_{11} are hydrogen, and an O-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R_8 group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 5. The amine, 1° , and 2° alcohol groups of formula 5 are protected to afford the compound of the formula 6. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a benzyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide while preferred protecting groups for 1° and 2° alcohol moieties are as benzyl ethers. The phenolic group(s) of formula 6 is converted to the ester(s) of formula 7 wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected alcohol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^1 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected alcohol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected alcohol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC . HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a trimethylsilyl or tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moieties (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or

triethylamine affords the compound of the formula 8. The compound of the formula 8 is then converted to the compound of the formula **IIA** by deprotecting the amine and remaining hydroxyl groups. Hydrogen in the presence of a transition metal catalyst such as palladium or platinum is a preferred method for removing benzyl ether and benzyl carbamate protecting groups.

Nitroso compounds of formula (II) wherein E, R₉, R₁₀, R₆, R_f, and p are defined as above, Z and R₁₁ are hydrogen, and a S-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R₈ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 6. The amine, 1° and 2° alcohol groups of formula 5 are protected to afford the compound of the formula 9. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide while preferred protecting groups for 1° and 2° alcohol moieties are as silyl ethers such as trimethylsilyl or t-butyldimethylsilyl ethers. The phenolic group(s) of the formula 9 is converted to the ester(s) of the formula 10 wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected thiol containing activated acylating agent wherein P² is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC·HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, as a thiocarbamate such as N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamate, or as a thioether such as a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the amine (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while mild aqueous or alcoholic base is used to cleave trifluoroacetamide groups) and hydroxyl moieties (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by deprotection of the thiol moiety (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups while aqueous base is typically utilized to hydrolyze thioesters and N-methoxymethyl thiocarbonates and mercuric trifluoroacetate, silver nitrate, or strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid and heat are used to remove a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group) affords a compound of the formula 11. Reaction of the compound of the formula 11 with an equimolar equivalent based upon thiol

of a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula IIB. Alternatively, treatment of compound 11 with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula IIB.

Nitro compounds of formula (II) wherein E, R₉, R₁₀, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above, Z and R₁₁ are hydrogen, and a O-nitrosated ester is representative of the R₈ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 7. The amine, 1° and 2° alcohol groups of formula 5 are protected to afford the compound of the formula 12. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide while preferred protecting groups for 1° and 2° alcohol moieties are as silyl ethers such as trimethylsilyl or t-butyldimethylsilyl ethers. The phenolic group(s) of the formula 12 is converted to the ester(s) of the formula 13 wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC·HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBT. Deprotection of the amine (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate) and hydroxyl moieties (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) affords a compound of the formula IIC.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (II) wherein E, Z, R₉, R₁₀, R_e, R_f, R_i, and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine ester is representative of the R₈ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 8. The amine, 1°, and 2° alcohol groups of formula 5 are protected to afford the compound of the formula 12. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide while preferred protecting groups for 1° and 2° alcohol moieties are as silyl ethers such as trimethylsilyl or t-butyldimethylsilyl ethers. The phenolic group(s) of the formula 12 is converted to the ester of the formula 14

wherein p , R_c and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected amino containing activated acylating agent wherein P^3 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected amino containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected amine containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC . HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide. Deprotection of the amine(s) (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while mild aqueous or alcoholic base is used to cleave trifluoroacetamide groups) and hydroxyl moieties (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by treatment of the amine(s) with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula **IID**.

Another embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures **III** and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (**III**) wherein aryl, heteroaryl, R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_c , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R_{15} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 9. The alcohol group of formula 15 is converted to the ester of formula 16 wherein p , R_c and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected alcohol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^1 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected alcohol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected alcohol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC . HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula **IIIA**.

Nitroso compounds of formula (III) wherein aryl, heteroaryl, R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above and an S-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R_{15} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 10. The alcohol group of the formula 15 is converted to the ester of the formula 17 wherein p , R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected thiol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^2 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC·HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, as a thiocarbamate such as N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamate, or as a thioether such as a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the thiol moiety (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups while aqueous base is typically utilized to hydrolyze thioesters and N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamates and mercuric trifluoroacetate, silver nitrate, or strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid and heat are used to remove a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether, or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula IIIB. Alternatively, treatment of compound 17 with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula IIIB.

Nitro compounds defined ester of formula (III) wherein aryl, heteroaryl, R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosated ester is representative of the R_{15} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 11. The alcohol group of the formula 15 is converted to the ester of the formula IIIC wherein p , R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or

symmetrical anhydride of the nitrate containing acid or condensing the alcohol and nitrate containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt to afford a compound of the formula IIIc.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (III) wherein aryl, heteroaryl, R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_e , R_f , R_i , and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine ester is representative of the R_{15} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 12. The alcohol group of the formula 15 is converted to the ester of the formula 18 wherein p , R_e , R_f , and R_i are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected amino containing activated acylating agent wherein P^3 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected amino containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected amine containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a *t*-butyl carbamate or a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide. Deprotection of the amino moiety (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a *t*-butyl carbamate while piperidine is used to remove 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate while mild aqueous or alcoholic base may be used to cleave a trifluoroacetamide group) followed by treatment of the amine with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula IIId.

Another embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures IV and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (IV) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosylated imide is representative of the R_{16} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 13. The amide nitrogen of formula 19 is converted to the imide of formula 20 wherein p , R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected alcohol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^1 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of imides are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the

alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula IVA.

Nitroso compounds of formula (IV) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_c , R_f , and p are defined as above and an S-nitrosylated imide is representative of the R_{16} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 14. The amide nitrogen of formula 19 is converted to the imide of the formula 21 wherein p , R_c and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected thiol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^2 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of imides are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP. Preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, or as a thioether such as a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the thiol moiety (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups while mercuric trifluoroacetate, silver nitrate, or strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid and heat are used to remove a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether, or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula IVB. Alternatively, treatment of compound 21 with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula IVB.

Nitro compounds of formula (IV) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosated imide is representative of the R_{16} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 15. The amide of the formula 19 is converted to the imide of the formula IVC wherein p , R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the nitrate containing acid or condensing the alcohol and nitrate containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC·HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP to afford a compound of the formula IVC.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (IV) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_e , R_f , R_i , and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine imide is representative of the R_{16} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 16. The amide nitrogen of the formula 19 is converted to the imide of the formula 22 wherein p , R_e , R_f , and R_i are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected amino containing activated acylating agent wherein P^3 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of imides are reacting the amide with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected amino containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected amine containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC·HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate. Deprotection of the amino moiety (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while piperidine is used to remove 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate) followed by treatment of the amine with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula IVD.

Another embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures V and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (V) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosylated isothioamide is representative of the R_{19} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 17. The amide of formula 19 is converted to the thioamide of formula 23 wherein by reaction with a

thiation reagent such as 2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,4-dithioxo-1,2,3,4-dithiadiphosphetane or phosphorus pentasulfide. Alkylation of compound of the formula 23 with an appropriate protected alcohol containing alkylating agent affords a compound of the formula 24 wherein p , R_c , R_f , and P^1 are defined as above. Preferred alkylating agents are alkyl halides or sulfonates while preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a trimethylsilyl or a tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction with a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula VA.

Nitroso compounds of formula (V) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_c , R_f , and p are defined as above and an S-nitrosylated isothioamide is representative of the R_{19} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 18. Alkylation of compound of the formula 23 with an appropriate protected thiol containing alkylating agent affords a compound of the formula 25 wherein p , R_c , R_f , and P^2 are defined as above. Preferred alkylating agents are alkyl halides or sulfonates while preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, or as a thioether such as a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the thiol moiety (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups, mild aqueous or alcoholic base is used to cleave thioesters strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid are used to remove a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group) followed by reaction with a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula VB. Alternatively, treatment of compound 25 with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula VB.

Nitro compounds of formula (V) wherein R_{14} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_c , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosated isothioamide is representative of the R_{19}

group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 19. The thioamide of the formula 23 is converted to the compound of the formula VC wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing alkylating agent. Preferred alkylating agents are alkyl halides or sulfonates.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (V) wherein R₁₄, R₁₇, R₁₈, R_e, R_f, R_i, and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine isothioamide is representative of the R₁₉ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 20. The thioamide of the formula 23 is converted to the compound of the formula 26 by reaction with an appropriate protected amino containing alkylating agent wherein P³ is as defined above. Preferred alkylating agents are alkyl halides or sulfonates while preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate. Deprotection of the amino moiety (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while piperidine is used to remove 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate) followed by treatment of the amine with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula VD.

Another embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures VI and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (VI) wherein F, R₂₁, R₂₂, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R₂₃ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 21. The alcohol and acid groups of formula 27 are protected to afford the compound of the formula 28. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol are as a carbamate such as a benzyl carbamate or a formate ester such as a benzoylformate ester while preferred protecting groups for the acids are as esters such as t-butyl esters. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (catalytic hydrogenation is the preferred method for cleaving benzyl carbamates while mild aqueous base removes the benzoylformate ester group) followed by reaction of the alcohol group with an appropriate protected alcohol containing activated acylating agent wherein R_e, R_f, and p and P¹ is as defined above affords a compound of the formula 29. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected alcohol containing acid or condensing the

alcohol and protected alcohol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBT. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the acid and hydroxyl moieties (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid cleaves t-butyl esters while fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula VIA.

Nitroso compounds of formula (VI) wherein F, R₂₁, R₂₂, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an S-nitrosylated ester is representative of the R₂₃ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 22. The compound of the formula 30 is converted to the compound of the formula 31 by reaction of the alcohol group with an appropriate protected thiol containing activated acylating agent wherein R_e, R_f, and p and P² is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBT. Preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, as a thiocarbamate such as N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamate, or as a thioether such as a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the thiol and acid moieties (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups while aqueous base is typically utilized to hydrolyze thioesters and N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamates and mercuric trifluoroacetate, silver nitrate, or strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid and heat are used to remove a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether, or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group as well as t-butyl esters) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or

triethylamine affords the compound of the formula **VIB**. Alternatively, treatment of the deprotected compound with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula **VIB**.

Nitroso compounds of formula (VI) wherein F, R₂₁, R₂₂, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosated ester is representative of the R₂₃ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 23. The alcohol group of the formula 30 is converted to the ester of the formula 32 wherein p, R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the nitrate containing acid or condensing the alcohol and nitrate containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Deprotection of the acid moieties (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid cleaves t-butyl esters) affords the compound of the formula **VIC**.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (VI) wherein F, R₂₁, R₂₂, R_e, R_f, R_i, and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine ester is representative of the R₂₃ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 24. The alcohol group of the formula 30 is converted to the ester of the formula 33 wherein p, R_e and R_f and P³ are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected amine containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected amino containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected amine containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate or an amide such as a trifluoroacetamide. Deprotection of the amino and t-butyl ester moieties (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while piperidine is used to remove 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate while mild aqueous or alcoholic base may be used to cleave a trifluoroacetamide group and strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl ester groups) followed by treatment of the amine

with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula VID.

Sidnonimine compounds of formula (VI) wherein F, R₂₂, R_e, R_f, and p are defined and a 6-W-substituted sydnonimine wherein W is as defined above is representative of the R₂₀ and R₂₁ groups as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 25. The alcohol of formula 27 is protected to afford the compound of the formula 34. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbonate or a silyl ether such as a trimethylsilyl ether. The diacid of the formula 34 is converted into the dicarboximide of the formula 35 by reaction with a 6-W-substituted sydnonimine. Preferred methods for the preparation of carboximides are initially forming the dimixed anhydride via reaction of 34 with a chloroformate such as isobutylchloroformate in the presence of a non nucleophilic base such as triethylamine in an anhydrous inert solvent such as diethylether or THF. The dimixed anhydride is then reacted with the 6-W-substituted sydnonimine to afford 35. Alternatively, the diacid 34 and may be coupled to the 6-W-substituted sydnonimine afford 35 by treatment with a dehydration agent such as DCC or EDAC with or without a catalyst such as DMAP or HOBt. Alternatively, the diacid 34 may be converted into an active ester by reaction with a suitably substituted phenol utilizing any of the conditions for ester formation described, followed by reaction with the a 6-W-substituted sydnonimine. Preferred 6-W-substituted sydnonimines are 1,2,6,4-oxatriazolium, 6-amino-6-morpholine and are 1,2,6,4- oxatriazolium, 6-amino-6-(6-chloro-2-methyl -benzene) and preferred active esters are para-nitrophenyl, 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl, and pentafluorophenyl. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (strong acid such as HCl or trifluoroacetic acid is used to cleave t-butyl carbonates while fluoride is the preferred method for removing silyl ethers) in the compound of the formula 35 affords the compound of the formula VIE.

Another embodiment of this aspect provides processes for making compounds having structures VII and to the intermediates useful in such processes as follows.

Nitroso compounds of formula (VII) wherein R₂₃, R₂₄, R_e, R_f, and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosylated imide is representative of the R₂₅ group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 26. The amide nitrogen of formula 36 is converted to the imide of formula 37 wherein p, R_e and R_f are

defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected alcohol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^1 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of imides are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected alcohol containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected alcohol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC . HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP. Preferred protecting groups for the alcohol moiety are silyl ethers such as a tert-butyldimethylsilyl ether. Deprotection of the hydroxyl moiety (fluoride ion is the preferred method for removing silyl ether protecting groups) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent such as dichloromethane, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula VIIA.

Nitroso compounds of formula (VII) wherein R_{23} , R_{24} , R_c , R_f , and p are defined as above and an S-nitrosylated imide is representative of the R_{25} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 27. The amide nitrogen of formula 36 is converted to the imide of formula 38 wherein p , R_c and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected thiol containing activated acylating agent wherein P^2 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of imides are reacting the amide with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected thiol containing acid or condensing the amide and protected thiol containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC . HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP. Preferred protecting groups for the thiol moiety are as a thioester such as a thioacetate or thiobenzoate, as a disulfide, as a thiocarbamate such as N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamate, or as a thioether such as a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether. Deprotection of the thiol moiety (zinc in dilute aqueous acid, triphenylphosphine in water and sodium borohydride are preferred methods for reducing disulfide groups while aqueous base is typically utilized to hydrolyze thioesters and N-methoxymethyl thiocarbamates and mercuric trifluoroacetate, silver nitrate, or strong acids such as trifluoroacetic or hydrochloric acid and heat are used to remove a paramethoxybenzyl thioether, a tetrahydropyranyl thioether, or a 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl thioether group) followed by reaction a suitable nitrosylating agent such as thionyl chloride nitrite, thionyl dinitrite, a lower alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite, or nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate in a suitable anhydrous solvent

such as methylene chloride, THF, DMF, or acetonitrile with or without an amine base such as pyridine or triethylamine affords the compound of the formula **VIIB**. Alternatively, treatment of compound **38** with a stoichiometric quantity of sodium nitrite in an acidic aqueous or alcoholic solution affords the compound of the formula **VIIB**.

Nitro compounds of formula (**VII**) wherein R_{23} , R_{24} , R_e , R_f , and p are defined as above and an O-nitrosated imide is representative of the R_{25} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 28. The amide of the formula **36** is converted to the imide of the formula **VIIC** wherein p , R_e and R_f are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate nitrate containing activated acylating agent. Preferred methods for the formation of esters are reacting the alcohol with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the nitrate containing acid or condensing the alcohol and nitrate containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP.

2-Hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine compounds of formula (**VII**) wherein R_{23} , R_{24} , R_e , R_f , R_i , and p are defined as above and a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine imide is representative of the R_{25} group as defined above may be prepared as outlined in Figure 29. The amide of the formula **36** is converted to the imide of the formula **39** wherein p , R_e , R_f , and R_i are defined as above by reaction with an appropriate protected amino containing activated acylating agent wherein P^3 is as defined above. Preferred methods for the formation of imides are reacting the amide with the preformed acid chloride or symmetrical anhydride of the protected amino containing acid or condensing the alcohol and protected amine containing acid in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as DCC or EDAC · HCl with a catalyst such as DMAP. Preferred protecting groups for the amine are as a carbamate such as a t-butyl carbamate or a 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate. Deprotection of the amino moiety (strong acid such as HCl in dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid is used to remove a t-butyl carbamate while piperidine is used to remove 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate) followed by treatment of the amine with nitric oxide (1-5 atmospheres) in a dry inert solvent such as ether or tetrahydrofuran affords the compound of the formula **VIII**.

As noted above, another aspect the invention provides a composition comprising (i) a therapeutically effective amount of a steroid, a β -agonist, an

anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a PDE inhibitor, which optionally can be substituted with at least one NO or NO₂ group or a group that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*, and (ii) a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide as a charged species, *i.e.*, nitrosonium (NO⁺) or nitroxyl (NO⁻), or as the neutral species, nitric oxide (NO•) and/or a compound that stimulates endogenous production of NO or EDRF *in vivo*.

The compounds that donate, transfer or release nitric oxide can be any of those known to the art, including those mentioned and/or exemplified below.

Nitrogen monoxide can exist in three forms: NO⁻ (nitroxyl), NO• (nitric oxide) and NO⁺ (nitrosonium). NO• is a highly reactive short-lived species that is potentially toxic to cells. This is critical, because the pharmacological efficacy of NO depends upon the form in which it is delivered. In contrast to NO•, nitrosonium and nitroxyl do not react with O₂⁻ species, and are also resistant to decomposition in the presence of redox metals. Consequently, administration of NO equivalents does not result in the generation of toxic by-products or the elimination of the active NO moiety.

Compounds contemplated for use in the invention are nitric oxide and compounds that release nitric oxide or otherwise directly or indirectly deliver or transfer nitric oxide to a site of its activity, such as on a cell membrane, *in vivo*. As used here, the term "nitric oxide" encompasses uncharged nitric oxide (NO•) and charged nitric oxide species, particularly including nitrosonium ion (NO⁺) and nitroxyl ion (NO⁻). The reactive form of nitric oxide can be provided by gaseous nitric oxide. The nitric oxide releasing, delivering or transferring compounds, having the structure K-NO wherein K is a nitric oxide releasing, delivering or transferring moiety, include any and all such compounds which provide nitric oxide to its intended site of action in a form active for their intended purpose. As used here, the term "NO adducts" encompasses any of such nitric oxide releasing, delivering or transferring compounds, including, for example, S-nitrosothiols, S-nitrothiols, O-nitrosoalcohols, O-nitroalcohols, sydnonimines, 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazines (NONOates), (E)-alkyl-2-[(E)-hydroxyimino]-5-nitro-3-hexene amines or amides, nitrosoamines, furoxans, as well as substrates for the endogenous enzymes which synthesize nitric oxide. It is contemplated that any or all of these "NO adducts" can be mono- or poly-nitrosylated or nitrosated at a variety of

naturally susceptible or artificially provided binding sites for nitric oxide or derivatives which donate or release NO.

One group of such NO adducts is the S-nitrosothiols, which are compounds that include at least one -S-NO group. Such compounds include S-nitroso-polypeptides (the term "polypeptide" includes proteins and also polyamino acids that do not possess an ascertained biological function, and derivatives thereof); S-nitrosylated amino acids (including natural and synthetic amino acids and their stereoisomers and racemic mixtures and derivatives thereof); S-nitrosylated sugars, S-nitrosylated- modified and unmodified oligonucleotides (preferably of at least 5, and more particularly 5-200, nucleotides); and an S-nitrosylated hydrocarbons where the hydrocarbon can be a branched or unbranched, and saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon, or an aromatic hydrocarbon; S-nitrosylated hydrocarbons having one or more substituent groups in addition to the S-nitroso group; and heterocyclic compounds. S-nitrosothiols and the methods for preparing them are described in U.S. Patent No. 5,380,758; Oae *et al.*, *Org. Prep. Proc. Int.*, 15(3):165-198 (1983); Loscalzo *et al.*, *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.*, 249(3):726729 (1989) and Kowaluk *et al.*, *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.*, 256:1256-1264 (1990), all of which are incorporated in their entirety by reference.

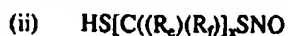
One particularly preferred embodiment of this aspect relates to S-nitroso amino acids where the nitroso group is linked to a sulfur group of a sulfur-containing amino acid or derivative thereof. For example, such compounds include the following: S-nitroso-N-acetylcysteine, S-nitroso-captopril, S-nitroso-homocysteine, S-nitroso-cysteine and S-nitroso-glutathione.

Suitable S-nitrosylated proteins include thiol-containing proteins (where the NO group is attached to one or more sulfur group on an amino acid or amino acid derivative thereof) from various functional classes including enzymes, such as tissue- type plasminogen activator (TPA) and cathepsin B; transport proteins, such as lipoproteins, heme proteins such as hemoglobin and serum albumin; and biologically protective proteins, such as the immunoglobulins and the cytokines. Such nitrosylated proteins are described in PCT Publ. Applic. No. WO 93/09806, published May 27, 1993. Examples include polynitrosylated albumin where multiple thiol or other nucleophilic centers in the protein are modified.

Further examples of suitable S-nitrosothiols include those having the structures:



wherein x equals 2 to 20 and R_e and R_f are as defined above;



wherein x equals 2 to 20; and R_e and R_f are as defined above;



wherein x equals 2 to 20; R_e and R_f are as defined above; and B is selected from the group consisting of fluoro, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, cycloalkyl, arylalkoxy, alkylsulfinyl, arylthio, alkylamino, dialkylamino, hydroxy, carbamoyl, N-alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-dialkylcarbamoyl, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, hydrogen, nitro and aryl.

Nitrosothiols can be prepared by various methods of synthesis. In general, the thiol precursor is prepared first, then converted to the S-nitrosothiol derivative by nitrosation of the thiol group with NaNO_2 under acidic conditions (pH is about 2.5) to yield the S-nitroso derivative. Acids which may be used for this purpose include aqueous sulfuric, acetic and hydrochloric acids. Alternatively, the precursor thiol may be nitrosylated by treatment with an alkyl nitrite such as tert-butyl nitrite.

Another group of such NO adducts are those wherein the compounds donate, transfer or release nitric oxide and are selected from the group consisting of compounds that include at least one ON-N- or ON-C- group. The compound that includes at least one ON-N- or ON-C- group is preferably selected from the group consisting of ON-N- or ON-C-polypeptides (the term "polypeptide" includes proteins and also polyamino acids that do not possess an ascertained biological function, and derivatives thereof); ON-N- or ON-C-amino acids (including natural and synthetic amino acids and their stereoisomers and racemic mixtures); ON-N- or ON-C-sugars; ON-N- or ON-C-modified and unmodified oligonucleotides (preferably of at least 5, and more particularly 5-200, nucleotides), ON-O-, ON-N- or ON-C-hydrocarbons which can be branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbons or aromatic hydrocarbons; ON-N- or ON-C-

hydrocarbons having one or more substituent groups in addition to the ON-N- or ON-C- group; and ON-N- or ON-C-heterocyclic compounds.

Another group of such NO adducts is the nitrites which have an -O-NO group wherein the organic template to which the nitrite group is appended is a protein, polypeptide, amino acid, carbohydrate, branched or unbranched and saturated or unsaturated alkyl, aryl or a heterocyclic compound. A preferred example is the nitrosylated form of isosorbide. Compounds in this group form S-nitrosothiol intermediates *in vivo* in the recipient human or other animal to be treated and can therefore include any structurally analogous precursor R-O-NO of the S-nitrosothiols described above.

Another group of such adducts are nitrates which donate, transfer or release nitric oxide and are selected from the group consisting of compounds that include at least one at least one O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C- group. Preferred among these are those selected from the group consisting of O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C-polypeptides; O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C-amino acids; O₂N-O-, O₂N-N- O₂N-S- or O₂N-C-sugars; O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C-modified and unmodified oligonucleotides; O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C- hydrocarbons which can be branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbons or aromatic hydrocarbons; O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C- hydrocarbons having one or more substituent groups in addition to the O₂N-O-, O₂N- N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C-group; and O₂N-O-, O₂N-N-, O₂N-S- or O₂N-C-heterocyclic compounds. Preferred examples are isosorbide dinitrate and isosorbide mononitrate.

Another group of such NO adducts is the nitroso-metal compounds which have the structure (L)_u-M-(NO)_v-A_z. M is a metal, preferably a transition metal; L includes any appropriate organic or inorganic ligand directly attached to the metal; u, v, z are each integers independently selected from 1 to 5; and A is an appropriate organic or inorganic counterion to yield a neutral species. Preferred metals include iron, copper, manganese, cobalt, selenium and ruthenium. A preferred example is sodium nitroprusside.

Another group of such adducts are 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazines which donate, transfer or release nitric oxide and have a $R_{61}R_{62}-N(O-M^+)-NO$ group wherein R_{61} and R_{62} include polypeptides, amino acids, sugars, modified and unmodified oligonucleotides, hydrocarbons where the hydrocarbon can be a branched or unbranched, and saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon or an aromatic hydrocarbon, hydrocarbons having one or more substituent groups and heterocyclic compounds. M^+ is a metal cation, such as, for example, a Group I metal cation.

Another group of such adducts are thionitrates which donate, transfer or release nitric oxide and have the structure $R_{61}-S-NO_2$ wherein R_{61} is as described above.

Compounds that stimulate endogenous synthesis of NO or EDRF *in vivo* include L-arginine, the substrate for nitric oxide synthase, cytokines, adenosine, bradykinin, calreticulin, bisacodyl, phenolphthalein, and endothelin.

The compounds and compositions of the invention are useful in the treatment of a large number of disorders, particularly those related to or characterized by pulmonary dysfunction. Examples of such indications include preventing (if given prior to the onset of symptoms) or reversing the following: acute pulmonary vasoconstriction, such as may result from pneumonia, traumatic injury, aspiration of inhalation injury, fat embolism in the lung, acidosis, inflammation of the lung, adult respiratory distress syndrome, acute pulmonary edema, acute mountain sickness, asthma, post cardiac surgery acute pulmonary hypertension, persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn, perinatal aspiration syndrome, hyaline membrane disease, acute pulmonary thromboembolism, heparin-protamine reactions, sepsis, asthma, status asthmaticus, or hypoxia (including that which may occur during one-lung anesthesia), as well as those cases of chronic pulmonary vasoconstriction which have a reversible component, such as may result from chronic pulmonary hypertension, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, chronic pulmonary thromboembolism, idiopathic or primary pulmonary hypertension, or chronic hypoxia.

When administered *in vivo*, the nitric oxide adduct may be administered in combination with pharmaceutical carriers and in dosages described herein.

The instant disclosure, particularly in combination with the significant body of literature, commercially available pharmaceutically acceptable liquid, solid and gaseous carriers and vehicles, volume expanders, tableting and encapsulation materials, enteric and other coatings, and inhalant and intranasal delivery devices and the ordinary skill of those practicing in the field, amply teaches the reader how to use the compounds and compositions of the invention in the methods of the invention and particularly for oral and nasal inhalation and intranasal therapy. The following is supplementary to and exemplary thereof.

The pharmaceutical compositions utilized in this invention can be administered preferably by inhalation (oral and/or nasal), and also by intranasal mucosal administration, oral, enteral, topical, vaginal, sublingual, rectal, intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous means.

The compounds of this invention can be employed in combination with conventional excipients; *i.e.*, pharmaceutically acceptable organic or inorganic carrier substances suitable for parenteral, enteral or intranasal application which do not deleteriously react with the active compounds. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include, but are not limited to, water, salt solutions, alcohol, vegetable oils, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, lactose, amylose, magnesium stearate, talc, silicic acid, viscous paraffin, perfume oil, fatty acid monoglycerides and diglycerides, petroethral fatty acid esters, hydroxymethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, *etc.* The pharmaceutical preparations can be sterilized and if desired, mixed with auxiliary agents, *e.g.*, lubricants, preservatives, stabilizers, wetting agents, emulsifiers, salts for influencing osmotic pressure, buffers, colorings, flavoring and/or aromatic substances and the like which do not deleteriously react with the active compounds.

Many therapeutically active ingredients have been administered or applied to the body by means of inhalation, such as in aerosol dosage form. One of the main reasons for the rapid and widespread acceptance of the inhalation dosage forms for the administration of therapeutically active agents is that it affords many and

dinstinct advantages to the user. These advantages have been described by various investigators and, for aerosol and metered-dose inhalers, include rapid onset of action; circumvention of the first-pass effect; avoidance of degradation in the gastrointestinal tract; lower dosage which will minimize adverse reactions; dose titration to individual needs and ideal for as-needed medication. It is an ideal alternate route when the chosen therapeutic agent may interact chemically or physically with other medicinals needed concurrently, or when the drug entity exhibits erratic pharmacokinetics upon oral or parenteral administration.

The term "aerosol" is used to denote various systems ranging from those of a colloidal nature to systems consisting of "pressurized packages." The present definition refers to those products which depend upon the power of a liquefied or compressed gas to dispense the active ingredient(s) in a finely dispersed mist, foam or semisolid. Pump systems which also dispense the active ingredient(s) in the form of a finely dispersed mist (although of greater particle size) often are classified as aerosols.

The pressure package is convenient and easy to use. Medication is dispensed in a ready-to-use form at the push of a button. Since the medication is sealed in a tamper-proof pressure container, there is no danger of contamination and the contents can be protected from air and moisture. Easily decomposed drugs especially lend themselves to this type of administration. For those products requiring regulation of dosage, a metering valve can be used. An accurately measured dose of therapeutically active drug can be administered quickly and in the proper particle-size range. In addition, when used with expensive products, such as some steroids, savings can be achieved by the user as compared to the use of other preparations such as ointments, creams or lotions. The aerosol dosage form allows for the dispensing of the product in the most desirable form; spray, foam or semisolid. Depending on the nature of the product, the characteristics of the spray or foam can be changed to insure the proper and most efficient use of the medication.

For parenteral application, particularly suitable vehicles consist of solutions, preferably oily or aqueous solutions, as well as suspensions, emulsions, or implants, including suppositories. Ampules are convenient unit dosages.

For enteral application, particularly suitable are tablets, dragees or capsules having talc and/or a carbohydrate carrier binder or the like, the carrier preferably being lactose and/or corn starch and/or potato starch. A syrup, elixir or the like can be used wherein a sweetened vehicle is employed. Sustained release compositions can be formulated including those wherein the active component is protected with differentially degradable coatings, e.g., by microencapsulation, multiple coatings, etc.

The nitrosated or nitrosylated compounds of the invention are used at dose ranges and over a course of dose regimen and are administered in the same or substantially equivalent vehicles/carrier by the same or substantially equivalent oral or nasal inhalant devices as their non-nitrosated or non-nitrosylated counterparts. The nitrosated or nitrosylated compounds of the invention can also be used in lower doses and in less extensive regimens of treatment. The amount of active ingredient that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration.

The dosage regimen for treating a disease condition with the compounds and/or compositions of this invention is selected in accordance with a variety of factors, including the type, age, weight, sex, diet and medical condition of the patient, the severity of the disease, the route of administration, pharmacological considerations such as the activity, efficacy, pharmacokinetic and toxicology profiles of the particular compound employed, whether a drug delivery system is utilized and whether the compound is administered as part of a drug combination. Thus, the dosage regimen actually employed may vary widely and therefore may deviate from the preferred dosage regimen set forth above.

Total daily dose administered to a host in single or divided doses may be in amounts, for example, from about 1 to about 100 mg/kg body weight daily and more usually about 3 to 30 mg/kg. Dosage unit compositions may contain such amounts of submultiples thereof to make up the daily dose.

While the compounds of the invention can be administered as the sole active pharmaceutical agent, they can also be used in combination with one or more

compounds which are known to be effective against the specific disease state targeted for treatment. The compositions of the invention can also be administered as described above or can be made to include one or more additional active compounds which are known to be effective against the specific disease state is targeted for treatment.

The invention also provides a pharmaceutical pack or kit comprising one or more containers filled with one or more of the ingredients of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention. Associated with such container(s) can be a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use or sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, which notice reflects approval by the agency of manufacture, use or sale for human administration.

These and other aspects of the present invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the teachings herein.

Example 16 α -Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(3-methyl-3-nitrosothio)-butanoate1a. 3-Methyl-3-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)methylthio)butyric acid

To a solution of 3-mercapto-3-methylbutyric acid (B.J. Sweetman et al. *J. Med Chem.*, 14, 868 (1971)) (4.6 g, 34 mmol) in methylene chloride (250 mL) under nitrogen and cooled over ice/salt to 5 °C (internal temperature) was added trifluoroacetic acid (82 g, 0.72 mol). No significant temperature rise was noted during the addition. To this was then added dropwise a solution of 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzyl alcohol (M.C. Munson et al., *J. Org. Chem.*, 57, 3013 (1992)) (6.45 g, 32 mmol) in methylene chloride (150 mL) such that the reaction temperature does not rise above 5 °C. After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred for an additional 5 minutes at 5 °C and the volatiles were removed *in vacuo* (toluene or ethyl acetate can be used to assist in the removal of volatile material). The residue was partitioned between diethyl ether and water and the organic phase dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and the volatile material removed *in vacuo*. The residue was treated with activated charcoal and recrystallised from diethyl ether/hexane. The product was isolated as a white solid in 70% yield (7 g) mp 103- 105 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.12 (s, 2H), 3.80-3.85 (m, 11 H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 160.6, 158.6, 105.6, 90.5, 55.7, 55.3, 45.9, 43.6, 28.4, 21.0.

1b. 6 α -Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-dien-3,20-dione-21-[3-methyl-3-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)methylthio)]-butanoate

A solution 6 α -fluoro-11 β , 21-dihydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione (357 mg, 0.8 mmol), the compound of Example 1a (251 mg, 0.8 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (20 mg, 0.16 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL) was treated with 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (157 mg, 0.8 mmol). The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours when the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:1) The product was isolated as a solid in 41% yield (240 mg),

mp 195-197 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 2H), 5.35 (ddd, J=50 Hz, 11 Hz, 6 Hz), 4.95-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.97 (d, J=18 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J=18 Hz, 1H), 2H), 4.47-4.55 (m, 1H), 3.81-3.89 (m, 11H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 2.46-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.03-2.09 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.88 (m, 5H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 1.1-1.5 (m, 5H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 205.03, 186.82, 171.77, 166.52, 166.34, 161.65, 160.03, 155.93, 129.67, 119.89, 119.72, 112.72, 108.78, 98.85, 92.03, 89.87, 83.05, 71.02, 68.77, 57.12, 56.74, 56.11, 51.03, 47.80, 47.26, 45.25, 45.02, 41.94, 41.31, 35.25, 30.01, 29.86, 29.46, 29.35, 27.95, 27.05, 22.69, 22.21, 18.17. Anal. for C₃₉H₅₁FO₁₀ S: 0.5 H₂O: Calculated: C: 63.32; H: 7.03. Found: C: 63.39; H: 7.00.

1c. 6 α -Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-dien-3,20-dione-21-[3-methyl-3-mercapto]-butanoate

A stirred solution of the compound of Example 1b (220 mg, 27 μ mol), anisole (200 μ L, 1.8 mmol), phenol (200 mg, 2.1 mmol) and water (200 μ L, 11 mmol) in methylene chloride (0.2 mL) was treated with trifluoroacetic acid (1.5 mL). The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. Toluene was added and the volatile material removed in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:3 then 1:1). The product was obtained as a solid in 42% yield (70 mg) mp 205-208 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, J=9.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (ddd, J=50 Hz, 11 Hz, 6 Hz), 5.01 (d, J=4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03-4.07 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d, J=3 Hz, 2H), 2.46-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 1H), 2.17-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.6-1.89 (m, 7H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 1.3-1.4 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.16 (dd, J=11 Hz, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 3H).

1d. 6 α -Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-dien-3,20-dione-21-[3-methyl-3-nitrosothio]-butanoate

A solution of the compound of Example 1c (60 mg, 0.11 mmol) in methylene chloride (1 mL) was treated with tert butyl nitrite (25 μ L, 22.5 mg, 0.22 mmol) and the resultant solution stirred for 1 hr at room temperature. An additional 12 μ L of tert butyl nitrite was added and the solution stirred for an additional 15 min at room temperature. The volatile material was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using methanol:methylene

chloride (1:25). The product was isolated as a green solid 40 mg (65 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.25 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (ddd, J=50 Hz, 10 Hz, 6 Hz) 4.91-4.94 (m, 1H), 4.88 (d, J=18 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J=18 Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.47 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 2.38-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 6H), 1.04-1.75 (m, 8H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H).

Example 2

(8r)-3 α -hydroxy-8-isopropyl-1 α H,5 α H-tropanium nitrite (+)-tropate

(8r)-3 α -hydroxy-8-isopropyl-1 α H,5 α H-tropanium bromide (\pm)-tropate (0.2 g, 0.48 mmol) was dissolved in hot water (2 mL) and to it was added a solution of silver nitrite (75 mg, 0.48 mmol) in boiling water (2 mL). The solution was stirred for 5 min. while keeping the solution hot and then centrifuged at 1000 rpm for 5 min. The supernatant was decanted and the water was removed by lyophilisation. The residue was recrystallised from ethyl acetate/isopropanol to give the title compound as a white solid 124 mg (70%) mp 169-172 °C (dec). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.15-7.30 (m, 5H), 4.90 (t, J=5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.97-4.04 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.5 (m, 2H), 1.75-2.1 (m, 4H), 1.57 (d, J=17 Hz, 1H), 1.40-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.06-1.14 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 16.36, 24.46, 24.73, 31.25, 54.53, 55.18, 63.31, 65.20, 65.30, 127.82, 128.47, 129.00, 136.48, 171.64. Anal calcd for C₂₀H₃₀N₂O₅:C: 63.47; H: 7.99; N: 7.40. Found: C: 63.28; H: 7.92; N: 7.24.

Example 3

(8r)-3 α -hydroxy-8-isopropyl-1 α H,5 α H-tropanium nitrate (+)-tropate

(8r)-3 α -hydroxy-8-isopropyl-1 α H,5 α H-tropanium nitrate (\pm)-tropate (0.2 g, 0.48 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (2 mL) and to it added a solution of silver nitrate (82 mg, 0.48 mmol) in water (2 mL). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hr. and centrifuged at 1000 rpm for 5 min. The supernatant was decanted and the volatile materials removed by lyophilisation. The product was recrystallised from isopropanol to give the title compound as a white solid 150 mg (76%) mp 180-182 °C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ 7.21-7.39 (m, 5H), 5.03 (t, J=5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07-4.16 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.94 (m, 4H), 3.59-3.65 (m, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.4-2.6 (m, 2H), 1.9-2.22 (m, 3H), 1.91 (d, J=17.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J=17.2 Hz, 1H), 1.49-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.06-1.14 (t, J=6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR

(DMSO- d_6) δ 16.33, 24.45, 24.73, 31.25, 54.52, 55.19, 63.32, 65.20, 65.31, 127.83, 128.48, 129.00, 136.45, 171.62. Anal calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}N_2O_6$: C: 60.89; H: 7.66; N: 7.10. Found: C: 60.71; H: 7.68; N: 6.90.

Example 4

9-Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(4-nitrooxy)-butanoate

- 4a. 9-Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(4-bromo)-butanoate and 9-Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(4-iodo)-butanoate

A solution of 9-fluoro-11 β , 21-dihydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione (1.6 g, 3.7 mmol) and 4-bromobutyric acid (0.61 g, 3.7 mmol) in dry DMF (15 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen was treated with 4-DMAP (90 mg, 0.74 mmol) and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide methiodide (1.28 g, 4.4 mmol) and the resultant solution stirred overnight at room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:1 then 2:1) to give the product 0.8 g (an inseparable mixture of bromide and iodide) as a white solid together with 1.2 g of recovered 9-fluoro-11 β , 21-dihydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.23 (d, $J=10$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, $J=10$ Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.95 (dd, $J=50$ Hz, 18 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.45 (br d, $J=3.5$ Hz), 3.53 (2t, $J=6.4$ and 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (2t, $J=6.4$ and 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.00-2.7 (m, 10H), 1.85-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.6-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H).

- 4b. 9-Fluoro-11 β -hydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(4-nitrooxy)-butanoate

To the products of Example 4a (0.45 g) in acetonitrile (5 mL) and DMF (1 mL) was added silver nitrate (1.95 g 1.5 equivalents based on bromide as exclusive starting material) and the resultant solution stirred overnight at room temperature. Then, further silver nitrate (100 mg) was added and the resultant solution stirred an additional 24 hrs at room temperature. The solution was filtered and the filtercake

washed with methanol. The filtrate was reduced *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:1) to give the product as a white solid. mp. 211-213 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J=50 Hz, 17 Hz), 4.99 (d, J=4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (t, J=6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33-2.75 (m, 7H), 2.04-2.18 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H). Anal calcd for C₂₈H₃₆FNO₁₀: C, 59.46; H, 6.42. Found: C, 59.26; H, 6.34.

Example 5

9-Fluoro-11β-hydroxy-16α,17α-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(12-nitrosooxy)-dodecanoate

5a. 9-Fluoro-11β-hydroxy-16α,17α-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-dodecanoate

A solution of 9-Fluoro-11β, 21-dihydroxy-16α,17α-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione (1 g, 2.3 mmol) and 12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxydodecanoic acid (760 mg, 2.3 mmol) [*J. Org. Chem.*, 50, 1616 (1985)] in dry DMF (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature under nitrogen and 4-DMAP (56 mg, 0.46 mmol) added followed by 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (528 mg, 2.8 mmol). The resultant solution was stirred overnight at room temperature and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:3 then 1:1) to give the product as a white solid 1.1 g (70 % based on recovered starting material). mp. 146-148 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 4.94 (d, J=4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J=6.9 Hz), 4.37 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, J=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.45 (m, 6H), 2.04-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.2-1.7 (21 H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 6H).

5b. 9-Fluoro-11β-hydroxy-16α,17α-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(12-hydroxy)-dodecanoate

The product of Example 5a (0.15 g, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in THF (1.3 mL) and trifluoroacetic acid (160 μL) added followed by water (40 μL). The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hr, the volatile material removed *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl

acetate:hexane (2:1) to give the product as a white solid 100 mg (79%) mp 172-175 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, J=10 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.99 (d, J=4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J=2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.41 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, J=6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.57-2.7 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.52 (m, 4H), 2.07-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.55-1.77 (m, 7 H), 1.25-1.40 (m, 16H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 203.82, 186.47, 173.69, 165.91, 152.04, 129.76, 125.13, 111.51, 101.24, 98.91, 97.60, 81.88, 72.08, 71.57, 67.57, 62.92, 48.32, 48.02, 45.55, 43.03, 36.91, 33.73, 33.68, 33.33, 33.08, 32.62, 30.88, 29.30, 29.21, 29.18, 29.14, 28.99, 28.84, 27.55, 26.48, 25.80, 25.59, 24.75, 22.98, 22.91, 16.29. Anal calcd for C₃₆H₅₃FO₈: C, 68.33; H, 8.44. Found: C, 68.11; H, 8.37.

Sc. 9-Fluoro-11β-hydroxy-16α,17α-[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione-21-(12-nitrosooxy)-dodecanoate

The product of Example 5b (90 mg, 142 μmol) was dissolved in the solvent in a dry flask under N₂ and cooled over dry ice. After stirring for 10 min pyridine (57.5 μL, 712 μmol) was added followed by nitrosonium tetrafluoroborate (33 mg, 285 μmol).

The resultant solution was stirred at -78 °C for 3 hr, washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*.

The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl

acetate:hexane:triethylamine (50:48:2) to give the product 45 mg (47 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, J=10 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, J=10 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (m, 1H), 4.90 (dd, J=40 Hz, 18 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (br s, 2H), 4.41 (d, J=8 Hz, 1H), 2.28-2.71 (m, 7H), 2.04-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.2-1.8 (m, 22H), 0.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 203.84, 186.43, 173.50, 165.81, 151.85, 129.86, 125.16, 111.51, 101.17, 98.00, 81.86, 72.16, 71.66, 67.48, 48.26, 47.96, 45.48, 42.98, 37.27, 33.77, 33.62, 33.27, 33.01, 30.86, 29.38, 29.32, 29.17, 29.12, 28.99, 27.52, 26.46, 25.81, 25.76, 243.82, 22.97, 22.89, 16.36

Example 6

2-(tert-Butylamino-1-(4-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethylphenyl)ethanol 2(R,S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-nitrosothiol propionic acid salt

6a. 2(R,S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-nitrosothiol propionic acid

2(R,S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-mercapto-propionic acid (0.2 g, 1.05 mmol) was dissolved in dry DMF (2 mL) and stirred at room temperature under nitrogen.

tert-Butyl nitrite (248 μ L, 215 mg, 2.09 mmol) was introduced and the resultant solution stirred at room temperature for 25 min when the solvent was removed *in vacuo* at room temperature. The green gum was stirred with ether collecting the resultant solid by filtration (225 mg, 97 %). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ 13.21 (br s, 1H), 8.54 (d, $J=9.45$ Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, $J=5.46$ Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.88 (s, 3H).

6b. 2-(*tert*-Butylamino-1-(4-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethylphenyl)ethanol 2(R,S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-nitrosothiol propionic acid salt

2-(*tert*-Butylamino-1-(4-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethylphenyl)ethanol 25 mg, 0.1 mmol) and the product of Example 6a (23 mg, 0.1 mmol) were stirred in water to homogeneity then lyophilised to dryness to give the salt (48 mg, 100 %) mp 180-182 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ 9.38 (br s, 1H), 7.81 (d, $J=9.34$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (br s, 1H), 4.69 (d, $J=9.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.72-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ 172.52, 169.33, 154.07, 132.63, 128.60, 125.41, 125.29, 114.63, 69.16, 61.45, 60.77, 58.61, 55.54, 48.91, 27.36, 26.21, 25.63, 23.04. Anal calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{S}$: C, 52.27; H, 7.23; N, 9.14. Found: C, 52.49; H, 7.33; N, 8.85.

Example 7

5,5 $\ddot{\text{O}}$ -[(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)bis-(oxy)]bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-nitrooxybutyl)-carboxylic acid ester

7a. 5,5 $\ddot{\text{O}}$ -[(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)bis-(oxy)]bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-bromobutyl)-carboxylic acid ester

5,5 $\ddot{\text{O}}$ -[(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)bis-(oxy)]bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2-carboxylic acid disodium salt (2.6 g, 5.07 mmol) and 1,4-dibromobutane (8.7 g, 40.6 mmol) were stirred at room temperature in DMSO for 72 hr and then the solvent removed by vacuum distillation. The residue was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and washed with water. The aqueous phase was extracted once with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined extracts washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate. The solution was filtered, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (4:1) to give cromolyn bis(4- ester) as a solid 1.2 g (32 %). mp 130-133 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ 7.74 (t, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, $J=18.6$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 5.37 (br. s, 1H), 4.29-4.40 (m, 9H), 3.63 (t, $J=6.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.83-2.03 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ

176.88, 160.35, 158.77, 157.48, 150.40, 135.76, 115.73, 114.96, 110.57, 109.38, 70.46, 67.34, 66.02, 35.08, 29.21, 26.93. Anal calcd for $C_{31}H_{30}Br_2O_{11}$: 50.42; H, 4.10. Found: C, 50.05; H, 4.42.

7b. 5,5'-[2-(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)]bis-(oxy)]bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-nitrooxybutyl)-carboxylic acid ester

The product of Example 7a (0.5 g, 0.68 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of acetonitrile (15 mL) and DMF (5 mL) and silver nitrate (0.92 g, 5.4 mmol) added. The solution was stirred overnight at room temperature and then additional silver nitrate (0.46 g, 2.7 mmol) added. After stirring an additional 24 hr at room temperature the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed directly on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (4:1) to give the product as a white solid. mp. 211-213 °C. 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ 7.74 (t, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, J=18.2 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 5.37 (d, J=3.9 Hz), 4.57-4.63 (m, 4H), 4.28-4.40 (m, 8H), 4.71 (t, J=6 Hz, 1H), 1.75-1.88 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl $_3$) δ 178.03, 160.36, 158.75, 157.57, 150.25, 135.02, 116.32, 115.54, 111.05, 109.63, 72.31, 70.25, 67.68, 65.81, 24.84, 23.55. Anal calcd for $C_{31}H_{30}N_2O_{17}$: 52.99; H, 4.30; N, 3.99. Found: C, 52.67; H, 4.38; N, 3.66.

Example 8

5,5'-[2-(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)]bis-(oxy)]bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-(2(S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-nitrosothiol) propionic acid butyl)-carboxylic acid ester

8a. 5,5'-[2-(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)]bis-(oxy)]bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-(2(S)-tert-butyloxycarboxamido-3-methyl-3-tert-butyloxythiocarbonato) propionic acid butyl)-carboxylic acid ester

The product of Example 7a (0.7 g, 0.95 mmol) and 2(S)-terbutyloxycarboxamido-3-methyl-3-tert-butyloxythiocarbonato-propionic acid (*US patent 5187305*) (974 mg, 2.86 mmol) were mixed in dry DMF (10 mL) together with sodium iodide (28 mg, 0.19 mmol) and potassium carbonate (394 mg, 2.86 mmol). The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 72 h, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (3:2) to give the product as a foam 620 mg (52 %). 1H NMR (CDCl $_3$) δ 7.57 (t, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 5.58 (d, J=9 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d, J=7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.3-4.58 (m, 9 H), 4.18-4.25 (m, 4H), 1.77-1.92 (m, 8H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 18 H), 1.44

(s, 6H), 1.40 (s, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 177.95, 170.52, 167.32, 160.32, 158.69, 157.53, 155.16, 150.35, 134.86, 116.17, 115.51, 111.03, 109.54, 85.08, 79.78, 70.22, 67.63, 66.08, 64.39, 59.88, 51.14, 28.17, 28.12, 27.80, 25.32, 25.05, 25.01

8b. 5,5'-I(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)bis-(oxy)bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-(2(S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-mercapto) propionic acid butyl)-carboxylic acid ester

The product of Example 8a (0.62 mg, 0.49 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (9 mL) and anisole (450 mg) added followed by trifluoroacetic acid (10 mL). The resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 hr when the volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in more CH_2Cl_2 (9 mL) and stirred over ice under nitrogen. After 10 minutes triethylamine (286 μL , 206 mg, 2.04 mmol) was introduced followed by acetyl chloride (76 μL , 84 mg, 1.07 mmol). The resultant solution was stirred overnight at room temperature, washed with 0.5N HCl, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (9:1) then ethyl acetate:methanol (9:1) to give the product as a foam 120 mg (30 %). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (t, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J=8.4$, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J=8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.57 (d, $J=9.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.58 (d, $J=9.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.15-4.55 (m, 13H), 2.01 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 2H), 1.75-1.9 (s, 8H), 1.44 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 177.88, 170.30, 169.91, 160.18, 158.51, 157.37, 150.15, 134.84, 116.02, 115.25, 110.83, 109.29, 70.09, 67.46, 65.93, 64.44, 60.33, 46.10, 30.83, 29.29, 24.90, 24.88, 22.91.

8c. 5,5'-I(2-Hydroxy-1,3-propanediyl)bis-(oxy)bis[4-oxo-4H-1benzopyran-2(4-(2(S)-acetamido-3-methyl-3-nitrosothiol) propionic acid butyl)-carboxylic acid ester

The product of Example 8b (110 mg, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL). To this was added tert butylnitrite (81 μL , 70 mg, 0.69 mmol) and the resultant solution stirred at room temperature for 1 hr. The volatile material was removed *in vacuo* and the residue chromatographed on silica gel using ethyl acetate:acetone (4:1) to give the product as a foam 50 mg (43 %). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (t, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.90-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.40 (d, $J=9.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.35 (d, $J=9.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.1-4.65 (m, 13H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 2.04 (s, 6H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.73-1.88 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) δ 178.06, 169.95, 169.90, 160.38, 158.76, 157.60, 150.35, 134.95, 116.27,

115.58, 111.09, 109.63, 70.28, 67.70, 65.99, 65.04, 60.14, 57.87, 26.90, 26.54, 25.04, 24.93, 23.10.

Example 9

Comparative In Vivo Airway Responsiveness Activities

The measurement of biological activity in a pulmonary model of allergic asthma and lung inflammation was undertaken in adult conscious sheep. The methodology was essentially as described by W. M. Abraham et al. (*Bull. Eur. Physiopathol. Respir.*, 22, 387 (1986)). Adult sheep with a natural cutaneous reaction to *Ascaris Suum* extract and who respond to inhalation challenge with *Ascaris Suum* with both an acute bronchoconstriction and a late bronchial obstruction were used in the study.

Unsedated sheep were intubated and measurement of airway mechanics were computed and recorded on a digital computer utilizing inputs of transpulmonary pressure and tracheal airflow recordings. Each animal was exposed to an aerosol of *ascaris suum*, diluted to produce an immediate and significant increase in mean lung resistance (sRI) of approximately 600-700% above baseline. This acute response peaked within 30 minutes and remained significantly above baseline for 2 hours. By approximately 6.5 hours after challenge sRI again significantly increased over baseline (130-200%) and remained elevated until 8 hours post challenge. This second response is known as the late response. sRI returned to baseline by 24 hours. Each animal was exposed to an aerosol of *ascaris suum* at a minimum of two week interval. Each animal did not enter into a study until it responded in a reproducible manner to three separate exposures of a designated dose of *ascaris suum*, each exposure separated by a 2 week interval.

Airway responsiveness was measured by calculation of a PC150 value. The PC150 is the dose of aerosolised carbachol which produces a 150% increase in sRI above baseline. The doses of carbachol were administered in an ascending dose-response fashion with each dose being administered for a 10 breath duration. The PC150 value was determined for each animal 24 hours prior to exposure to *ascaris suum* and again 24 post exposure. The difference in PC150 values represented a change in airway responsiveness. The closer the post challenge to prechallenge ratio to unity the better the effect of the particular compound.

Each test drug was aerosolised to an animal 30 minutes prior to challenge with *ascaris suum*.

RESULTS

Sheep were treated with 500 ug of either Example 1 or 6 α -fluoro-11 β , 21-dihydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione. Data are referenced to historical controls as described in the methods section. The data showed that Example 1 gave 59 \pm 14 % protection of the immediate response and 89 \pm 2 % protection of the peak late response (n=3). 6 α -Fluoro-11 β , 21-dihydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione gave 16 \pm 21 % protection against the immediate response and 83 \pm 7 % protection against the peak late response (n=3).

Measurement of airway hyperresponsiveness showed the post challenge/prechallenge ratios of PC150 values were 0.53 \pm 0.10 (control) and 1.18 \pm 0.06 (Example 1) and 0.59 \pm 0.06 (control) and 0.98 \pm 0.10 (6 α -fluoro-11 β , 21-dihydroxy-16 α ,17 α -[(1-methylethylidene)bis(oxy)]pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione).

The results show that Example 1 provides a better protection against lung function changes due to aerosol challenge of *ascaris suum* in the conscious sheep.

It will be clear that the invention may be practiced otherwise than as particularly described in the foregoing description and examples. Numerous modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings and, therefore, are within the scope of the appended claims.

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Throughout this specification and the claims which follow, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", and variations such as "comprises" and "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or step or group of integers or steps but not the exclusion of any other integer or step or group of integers or steps.

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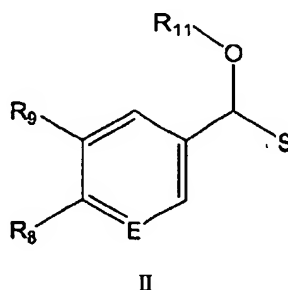
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THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A compound comprising a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a phosphodiesterase inhibitor which comprises at least one NO and/or NO₂ group, wherein the NO group and/or NO₂ group is linked to the β -agonist, the anticholinergic, the mast cell stabilizer or the phosphodiesterase inhibitor through an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom.
 2. The compound of claim 1 which is a compound of structure II, III, IV, V, VI or VII:
- wherein the compound of structure II is:



- wherein E is nitrogen or C-R₇, wherein R₇ is hydrogen, halogen, -CH₂O-R_j or -O-R_j, wherein R_j is hydrogen, D or M;

- D is
- (i) -NO;
 - (ii) -NO₂;
 - (iii) -C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q;
 - (iv) -C(O)-T¹-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T²-Q; or
 - (v) -C(O)-T(C(R_y)(R_z))_p;

wherein R_d is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, or heteroaryl; Y is oxygen, sulfur or NR_i; R_i is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, or heteroaryl; R_e and R_f are each independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxy, carboxamido, or R_e and R_f taken together



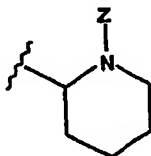
are carbonyl, cycloalkyl or bridged cycloalkyl; p is an integer from 1 to 6; T is a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen; Q is -NO or -NO₂; T¹ and T² are each independently T; R_y and R_z are each independently -T¹-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T²-Q; G is a covalent bond, -T-C(O)-, -C(O)-T or Y;

M is -C(O)T-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-N(N-(O⁻)N=O)-R_i or
-C(R_d)-O-C(O)T-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-N(N-(O⁻)N=O)-R_i,
wherein T, R_e, R_f, p, G, R_i, and R_d are as defined herein;

R_g and R_h are each independently amino, hydrogen, -CH₂O-R_k or -O-R_k, wherein R_k is -C(O)-, R_d or R_y, wherein R_d and R_y are as defined herein;

S is (i) -CH₂-N(Z)-R₁₀ or

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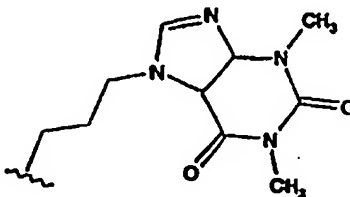
wherein Z is hydrogen, -(N(O⁻)N=O), or M; wherein M is defined above;

R₁₀ is (a) lower alkyl,

(b) -(CH₂)_p-O-(CH₂)_a-C₆H₅; wherein a is an integer from 1 to 4 and p is

as defined herein; or

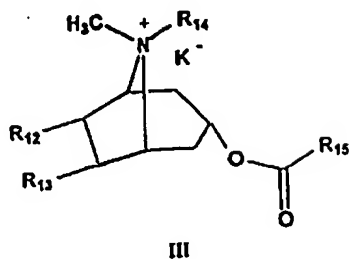
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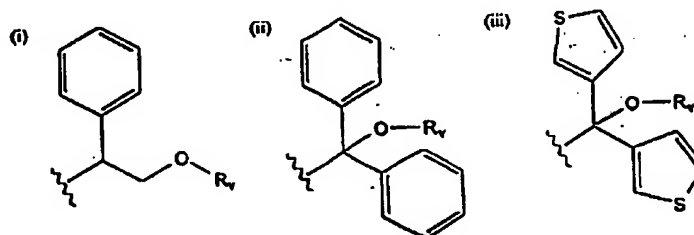
R₁₁ is hydrogen, D or M, with the proviso that R₁₁ must be D or M if neither R_g nor R_h include D or M and Z is hydrogen;



wherein the compound of structure III is:



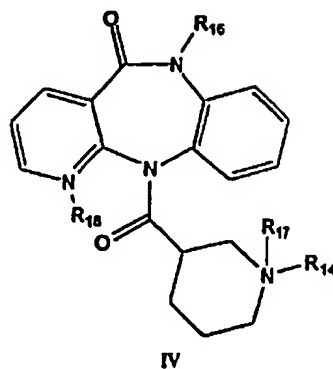
wherein K is a monovalent anion selected from halide, nitrate, and nitrite;
 R_{12} and R_{13} are hydrogen, or R_{12} and R_{13} taken together are oxygen;
 R_{14} is lower alkyl or haloalkyl;
 R_{15} is



wherein R_v is D or M, wherein D and M are as defined herein;



wherein the compound of structure IV is:



R_{14} is lower alkyl or haloalkyl;

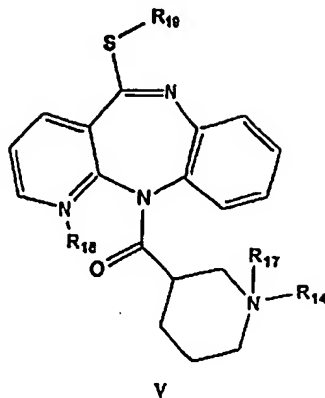
R_{16} is hydrogen, $-C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q$, $-C(O)-T^1-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T^2-Q$ or M; wherein R_d , Y, R_e , R_f , p, T, Q, T^1 , T^2 and M are as defined herein;

R_{17} and R_{18} are independently a lone pair of electrons,

$-C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q$, or M, with the proviso that R_{17} and/or R_{18} must be $-C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q$ or M when R_{16} is hydrogen; wherein R_d , Y, R_e , R_f , p, T, Q and M are as defined herein;



wherein the compound of structure V is:

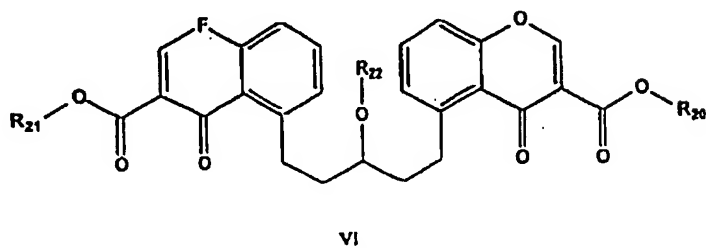


wherein R_{14} , R_{17} and R_{18} are as defined herein;

R_{19} is $-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q$ or

$-S(O_2)-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-N(N-(O^-)N=O)-R_i$; wherein R_e , R_f , p , G , T , Q , and R_i are as defined herein;

wherein the compound of structure VI is:



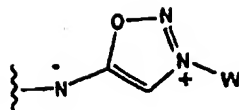
wherein F is O or NR_i , where R_i is as defined herein;

R_{20} and R_{21} are independently

- (1) $-Y-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-H-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q$,
- (2) $-T-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-H-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-N(N-(O^-)N=O)-R_i$,



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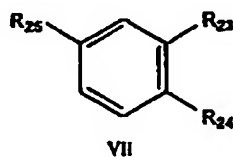
(4) sodium; or

(5) hydrogen;

wherein H is a covalent bond, -T-C(O)-, -C(O)-T, or -C(Y-C(O)-R_m)-; wherein R_m is heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring; W is a heterocyclic ring or NR_sR'_s, wherein R_s and R'_s are each independently lower alkyl, aryl or alkenyl; and Y, R_e, R_f, p, T, and Q are as defined herein;

R₂₂ is hydrogen, M or D; with the proviso that R₂₂ must be M or D when R₂₀ and R₂₁ are selected as sodium or hydrogen;

wherein the compound of structure VII is:

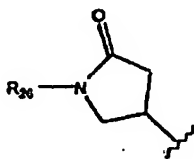


R₂₃ is alkoxy, cycloalkoxy or halogen;

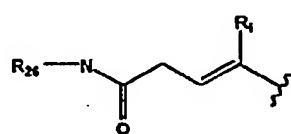
R₂₄ is hydrogen, alkoxy, or haloalkoxy; and

R₂₅ is:

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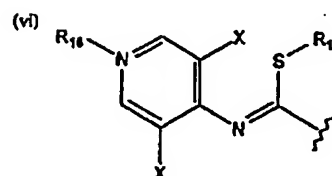
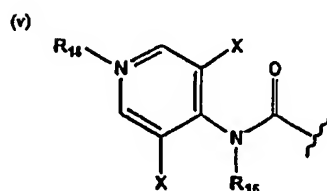
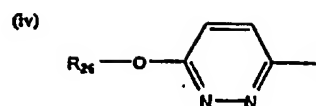
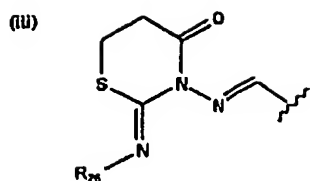


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wherein X is halogen, and R_{26} is D or M; wherein D, M, R_{16} , R_{18} and R_{19} are as defined herein.

4. The compound of claim 1, wherein the β -agonist is salmeterol, albuterol, metaproterenol, terbutaline, pirbuterol, rimiterol, clenbuterol, bitolterol, reproterol, adrenalin, isoproterenol, ephedrine, orciprenlaine, fenoterol or isoetharine; the anticholinergic is atropine, ipratropium, flutropium, tiotropium or rispenzepine; the mast cell stabilizer is cromolyn or nedocromil; and the phosphodiesterase inhibitor is flaminast, denbufyllene, piclamilast, zardaverine or rolipram.

5. A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase.

7. The composition of claim 6, wherein the a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is an S-nitrosothiol.



(iv) a nitrate having the structure $R_{70}-O-NO_2$, wherein R_{70} is a polypeptide, an amino acid, a sugar, a modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon, or a heterocyclic compound.

11. The composition of claim 10, wherein the compound comprising at least one ON-N- or ON-C- group is an ON-N-polypeptide, an ON-C-polypeptide, an ON-N-amino acid, an ON-C-amino acid, an ON-N-sugar, an ON-C-sugar, an ON-N-modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an ON-C- modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ON-N-hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ON-C-hydrocarbon, a ON-N-heterocyclic compound or a ON-C-heterocyclic compound.

12. The composition of claim 5, wherein the compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is a compound comprising at least one O_2N-O -group, O_2N-N - group, O_2N-S - group or O_2N-C -group.

13. The composition of claim 12, wherein the compound comprising at least one O_2N-O - group, O_2N-N - group, O_2N-S - group or O_2N-C -group is an O_2N-O -polypeptide, an O_2N-N -polypeptide, an O_2N-S -polypeptide, an O_2N-C -polypeptide, an O_2N-O -amino acid, an O_2N-N -amino acid, an O_2N-S -amino acid, an O_2N-C -amino acid, an O_2N-O -sugar, an O_2N-N -sugar, an O_2N-S -sugar, an O_2N-C -sugar, an O_2N-O -modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an O_2N-N - modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an O_2N-S -modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an O_2N-C -modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O_2N-O -hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O_2N-N -hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O_2N-S -

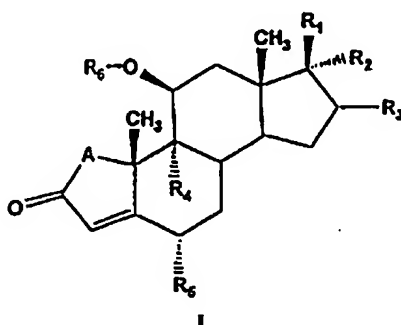


hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O_2N-C -hydrocarbon, a O_2N-O -heterocyclic compound, a O_2N-N -heterocyclic compound, a O_2N-S -heterocyclic compound, or a O_2N-C -heterocyclic compound.

14. The composition of claim 5, wherein the compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is L-arginine, a cytokine, adenosine, bradykinin, calreticulin, bisacodyl, phenolphthalein or endothelin.

15. The composition of claim 6, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16. A compound of structure I:



wherein A is $-CH=CH-$ or $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

- R_1 is
- (1) $-C(O)CH_2-B-D$,
 - (2) $-C(O)-C(O)-O-R_i$,
 - (3) $-C(O)-B-R_i$,
 - (4) $-C(O)-CH_2-B-C(O)-R_i$,
 - (5) $-C(O)-CH_2-X$,
 - (6) $-S-R_i$, or
 - (7) $-C(O)CH_2-B-M$;



D is -NO, -NO₂, -C(R_d)-O-C(O)-Y-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T-Q, -C(O)-T¹-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T²-Q, or -C(O)-T-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p;

M is -C(O)T-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-N(N-(O⁻)N=O)-R_i or
-C(R_d)-O-C(O)T-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-N(N-(O⁻)N=O)-R_i;

B is oxygen or sulfur; with the proviso that when B in the definition of -C(O)CH₂-B-D is oxygen then R₆ is not hydrogen, -NO, or -NO₂;

R_d is hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, aryl or heteroaryl;

R_i is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower haloalkyl, or heteroaryl;

R_e and R_f are each independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxy, carboxamido, or R_e and R_f taken together are carbonyl, cycloalkyl or bridged cycloalkyl;

p is an integer from 1 to 6;

X is halogen;

T is a covalent bond, oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen;

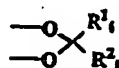
G is a covalent bond, -T-C(O)-, -C(O)-T or Y; Y is oxygen, sulfur or NR_i;

Q is -NO or -NO₂;

T¹ and T² are each independently T;

R_y and R_z are each independently -T¹-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-G-(C(R_e)(R_f))_p-T²-Q

R₂ and R₃ are each independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, -O(O)C-R_i, or -S-R_i; or R₂ and R₃ taken together are



R¹_i and R²_i are each independently R_i;

R₄ and R₅ are each independently hydrogen or halogen;

R₆ is hydrogen, D or M; with the proviso that R₆ must be D or M if the selection of R_i does not include M.



17. The compound of claim 16, wherein the compound of structure I is a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated beclamethasone, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated fluticasone, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated flunisolide, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated triamcinolone, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated butixocort, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated dexamethasone, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated fluocortin, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated budesonide, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated tixocortol, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated tipredane, a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated mometasone; a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated prednisolone; or a nitrosated and/or nitrosylated prednisone.

18. A composition comprising the compound of claim 16 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19. A composition comprising the compound of claim 16 and a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase.

20. The composition of claim 19, wherein the a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is an S-nitrosothiol.

21. The composition of claim 20, wherein the S-nitrosothiol is S-nitroso-N-acetylcysteine, S-nitroso-captopril, S-nitroso-homocysteine, S-nitroso-cysteine, or S-nitroso-glutathione.

22. The composition of claim 20, wherein the S-nitrosothiol is:

(i) $\text{CH}_3(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_x\text{SNO}$,

(ii) $\text{HS}(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_x\text{SNO}$,

(iii) $\text{ONS}(\text{C}(\text{R}_e)(\text{R}_f))_xB$, or

(iv) $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{H})-(\text{CH}_2)_x-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{SNO})-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$,

wherein x equals 2 to 20; R_e and R_f are independently selected from hydrogen, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, alkylamino, and dialkylamino, or R_e



and R_i taken together are carbonyl, cycloalkyl or bridged cycloalkyl; and B is fluoro, alkoxy, cyano, carboxamido, cycloalkyl, arylalkoxy, alkylsulfinyl, arylthio, alkylamino, dialkylamino, hydroxy, carbamoyl, N-alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-dialkylcarbamoyl, amino, hydroxyl, carboxyl, hydrogen, nitro or aryl.

23. The composition of claim 19, wherein the compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is

- (i) a compound comprising at least one ON-N-, ON-N- or ON-C- group;
- (ii) a N-oxo-N-nitrosoamine which has an R₆₁R₆₂-N(O-M')-NO group,

wherein R₆₁ and R₆₂ are independently a polypeptide, an amino acid, a sugar, a modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon, or a heterocyclic compound;

(iii) a thionitrate having the structure R₇₀-S-NO₂, wherein R₇₀ is a polypeptide, an amino acid, a sugar, a modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon, or a heterocyclic compound; and

(iv) a nitrate having the structure R₇₀-O-NO₂, wherein R₇₀ is a polypeptide, an amino acid, a sugar, a modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a branched or unbranched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon, or a heterocyclic compound.

24. The composition of claim 23, wherein the compound comprising at least one ON-N- or ON-C- group is an ON-N-polypeptide, an ON-C-polypeptide, an ON-N-amino acid, an ON-C-amino acid, an ON-N-sugar, an ON-C-sugar, an ON-N-modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an ON-C-modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted ON-N-hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated,



substituted or unsubstituted ON-C-hydrocarbon, a ON-N-heterocyclic compound or a ON-C-heterocyclic compound.

25. The composition of claim 19, wherein the compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is a compound comprising at least one O₂N-O-group, O₂-N-N- group, O₂N-S- group or O₂N-C-group.

26. The composition of claim 25, wherein the compound comprising at least one O₂N-O- group, O₂-N-N- group, O₂N-S- group or O₂N-C-group is an O₂N-O-polypeptide, an O₂N-N-polypeptide, an O₂N-S-polypeptide, an O₂N-C-polypeptide, an O₂N-O-amino acid, an O₂N-N-amino acid, an O₂-N-S-amino acid, an O₂N-C-amino acid, an O₂N-O-sugar, an O₂N-N-sugar, an O₂N-S-sugar, an O₂N-C-sugar, an O₂N-O-modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an O₂N-N- modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an O₂N-S-modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, an O₂N-C-modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O₂N-O-hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O₂N-N-hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O₂N-S-hydrocarbon, a straight or branched, saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted O₂N-C-hydrocarbon, a O₂N-O-heterocyclic compound, a O₂N-N-heterocyclic compound, a O₂N-S-heterocyclic compound, or a O₂N-C-heterocyclic compound.

27. The composition of claim 19, wherein the compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase is L-arginine, a cytokine, adenosine, bradykinin, calreticulin, bisacodyl, phenolphthalein or endothelin.

28. The composition of claim 19, further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.



29. The composition of claim 5, 6, 18 or 19, wherein the composition is in a form that can be administered by inhalation, intranasal mucosally, orally, enterally, topically, vaginally, sublingually, rectally, intramuscularly, intravenously or subcutaneously.

30. The composition of claim 5, 6, 18 or 19, wherein the composition is in an aerosol dosage form.

31. A kit comprising the composition of claim 5, 6, 18 or 19.

32. A kit comprising the composition of claim 5 or 18, and a compound that donates, transfers or releases nitric oxide, elevates endogenous synthesis of nitric oxide or is a substrate for nitric oxide synthase.

33. A method for treating asthma in an individual comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 5, 6, 18 or 19.

34. A method for treating a respiratory disorder in an individual comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 5, 6, 18 or 19.

35. The method of claim 34, wherein the respiratory disorder is pneumonia, traumatic injury, aspiration or inhalation injury, fat embolism in the lung, acidosis, inflammation of the lung, adult respiratory distress syndrome, acute pulmonary edema, acute mountain sickness, asthma, post cardiac surgery, acute pulmonary hypertension, persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn, perinatal aspiration syndrome, hyaline membrane disease, acute pulmonary thromboembolism, a heparin-protamine reaction, sepsis, status asthmaticus, hypoxia, chronic pulmonary hypertension, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, chronic pulmonary thromboembolism, idiopathic pulmonary hypertension, primary pulmonary hypertension or chronic hypoxia.

36. A method of treating cystic fibrosis in an individual comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 5, 6, 18 or 19.



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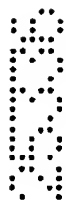
37. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 4, 16 or 17 in preparation of a composition for treatment of a respiratory disorder, asthma or cystic fibrosis.
- 5 38. Compounds according to claim 1 or claim 16, compositions comprising them and methods of treatment or uses involving them substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the examples.

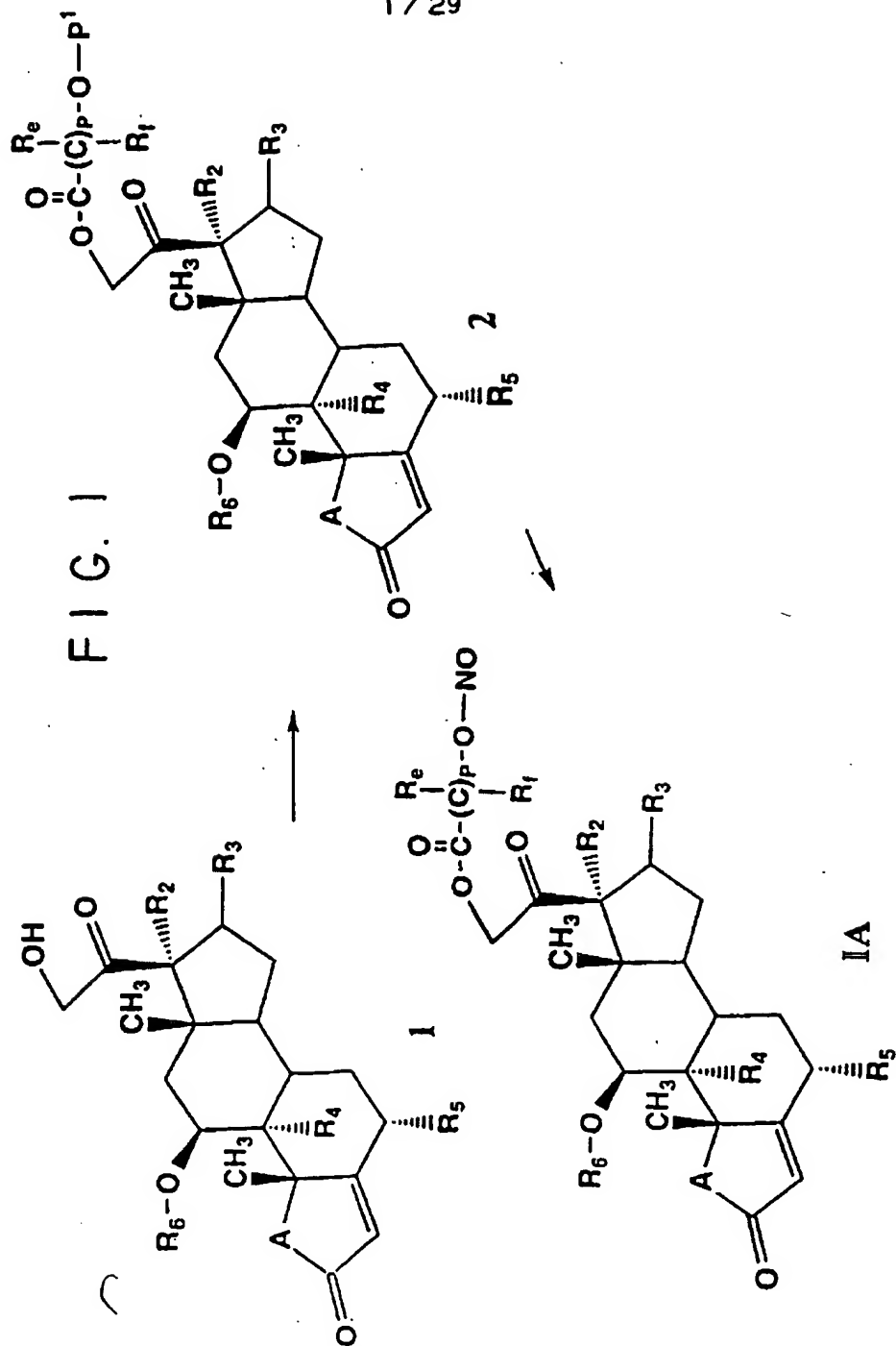
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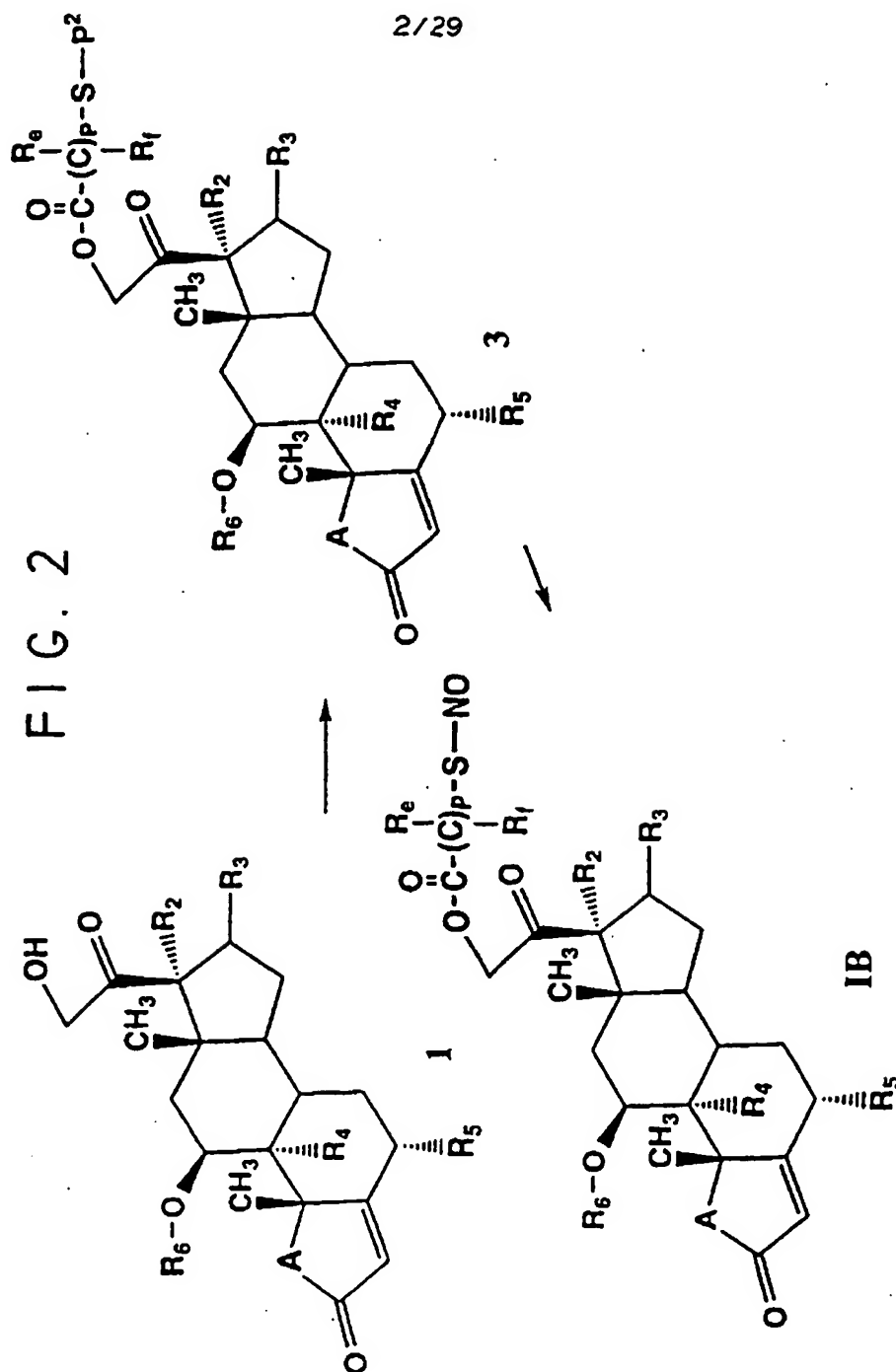
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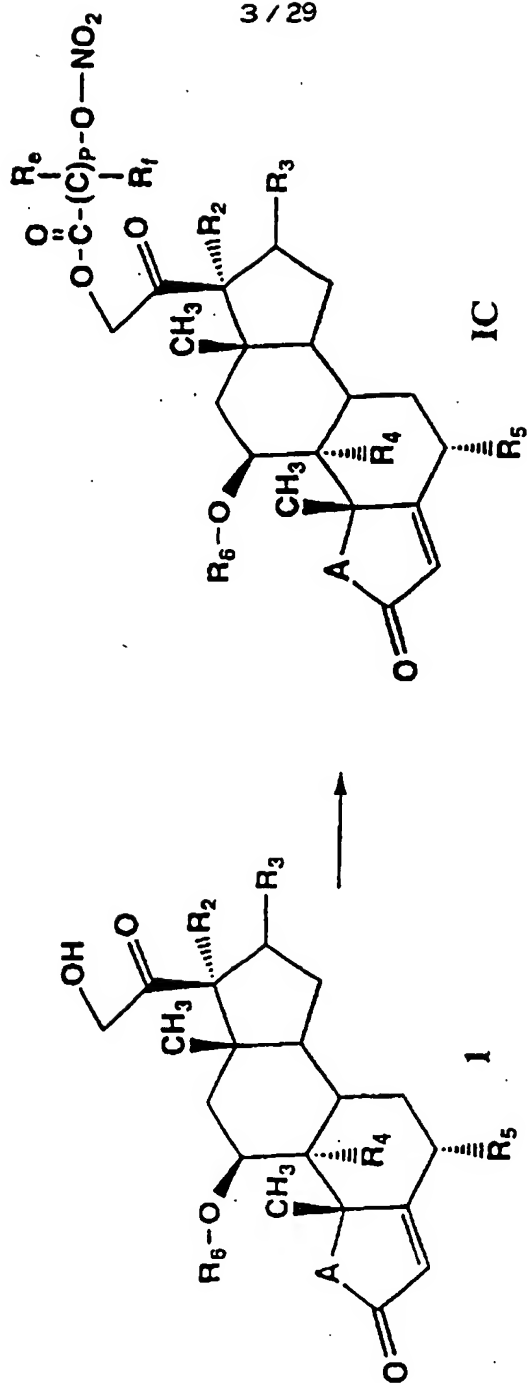


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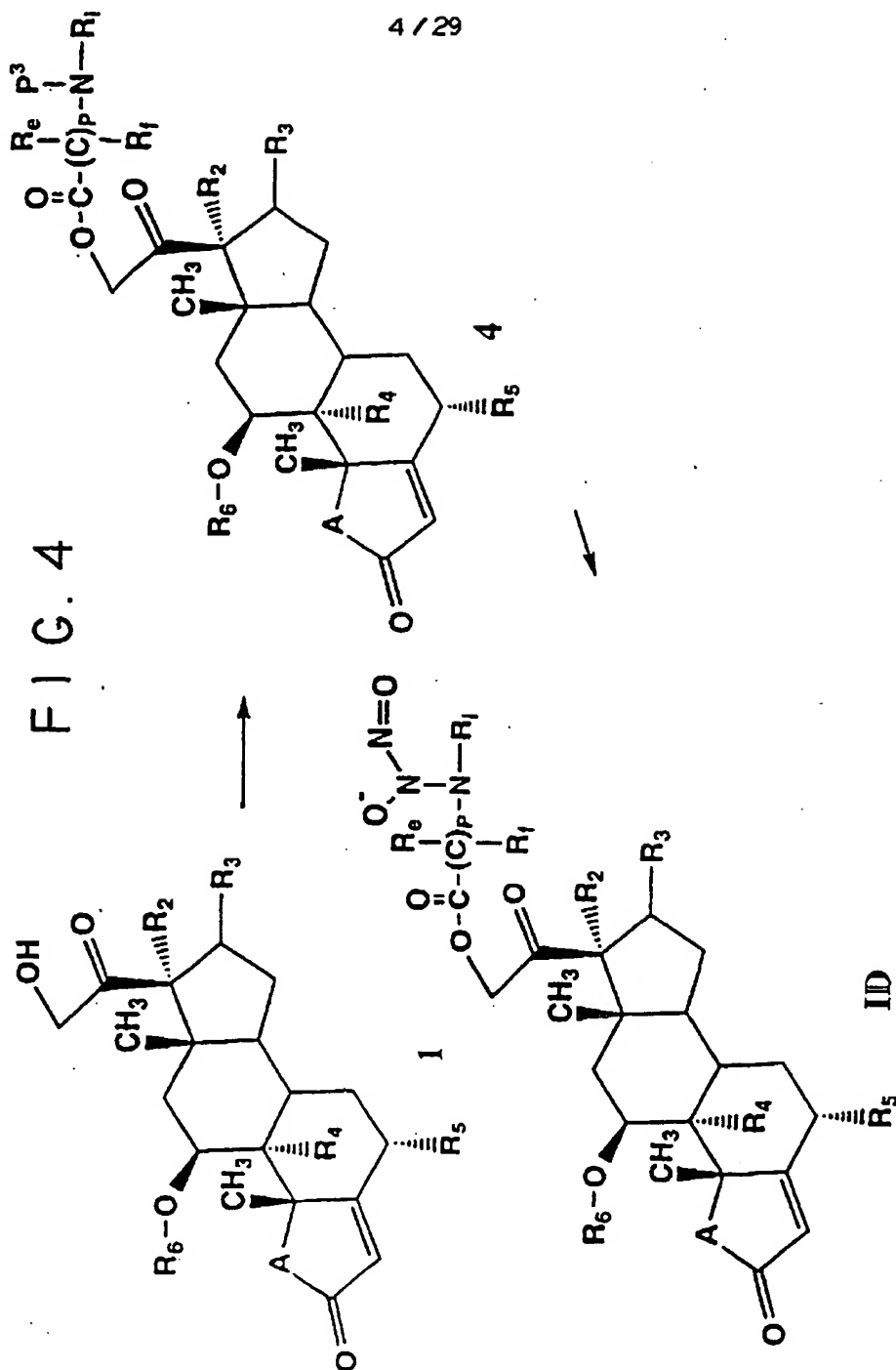


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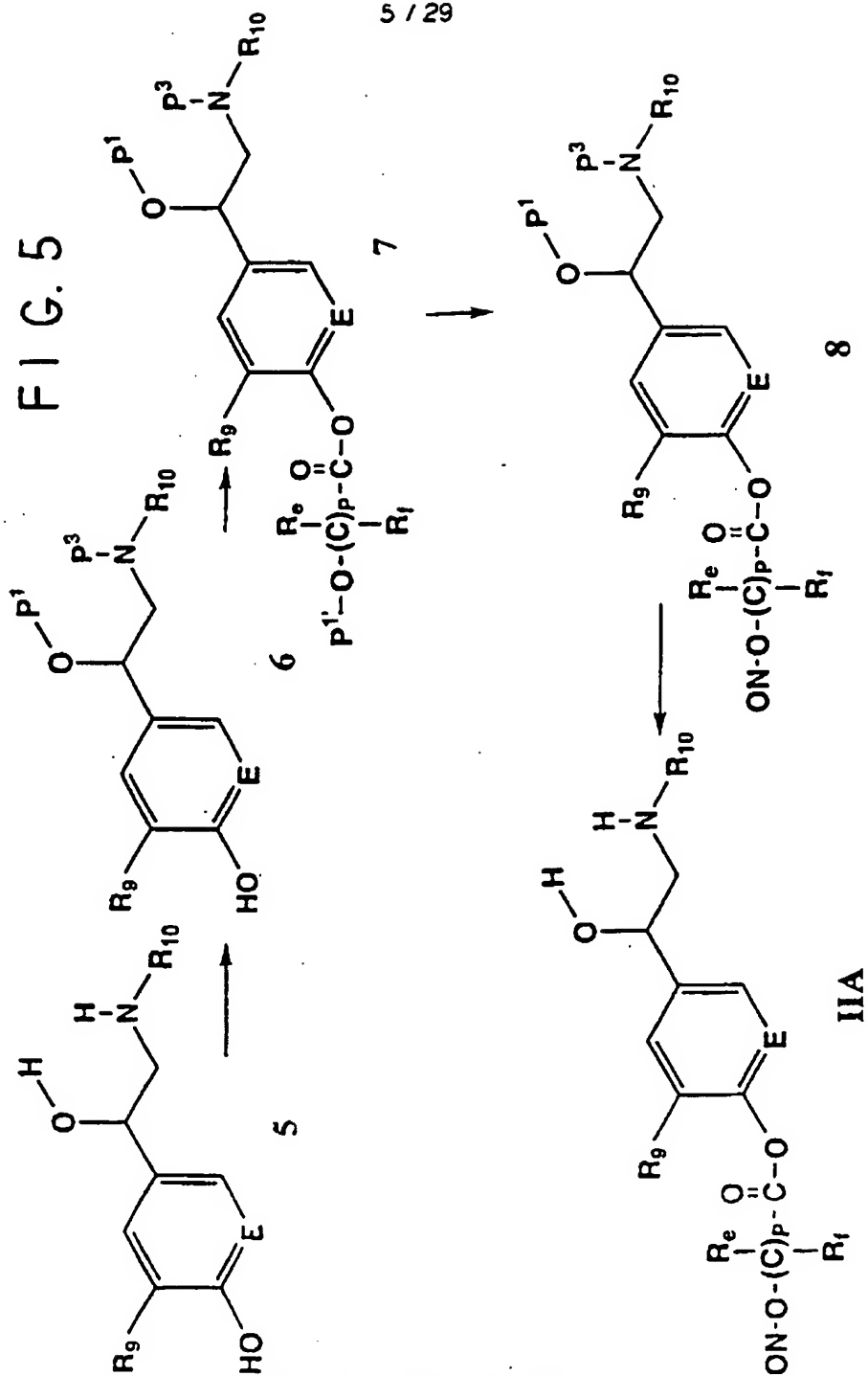


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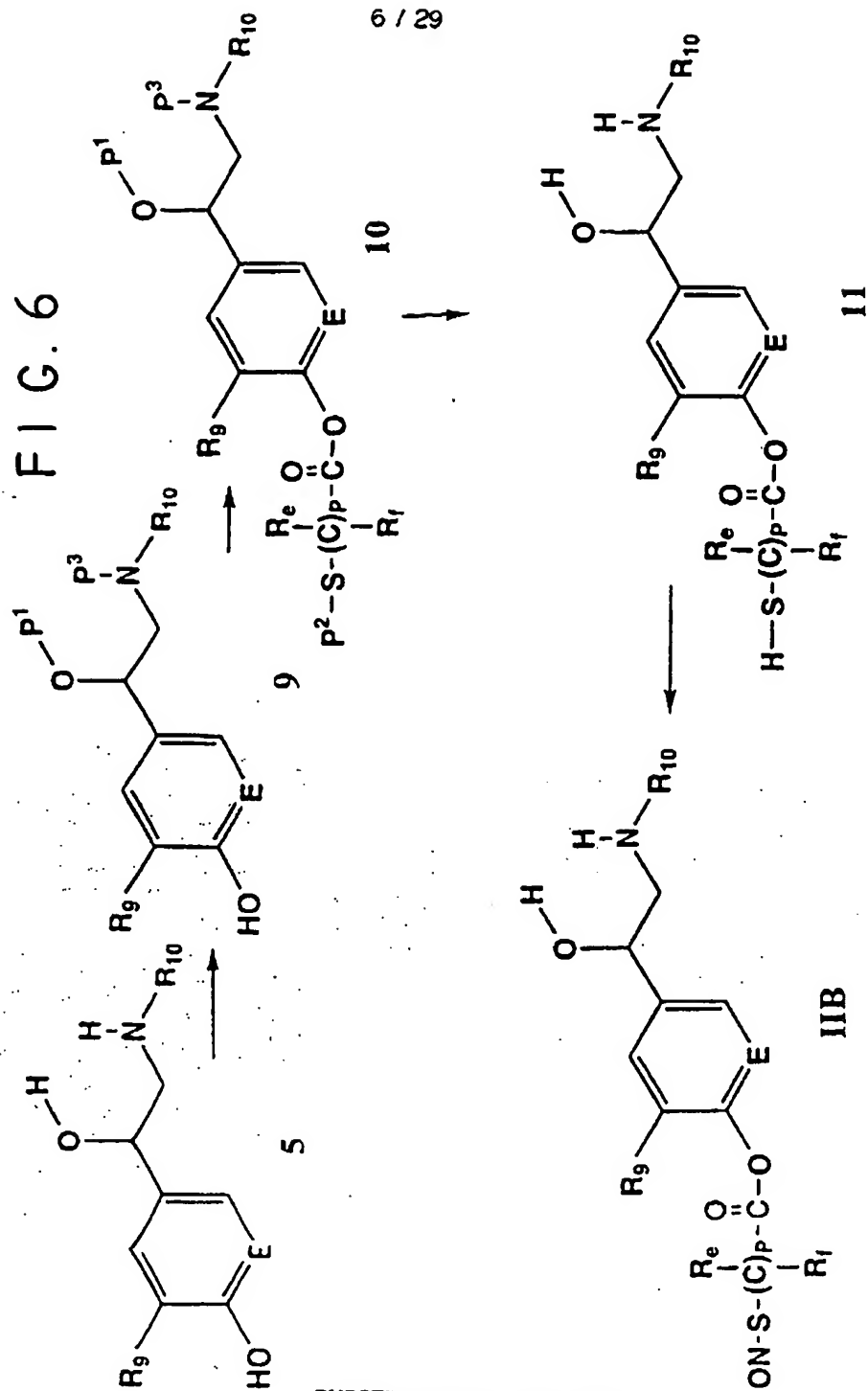


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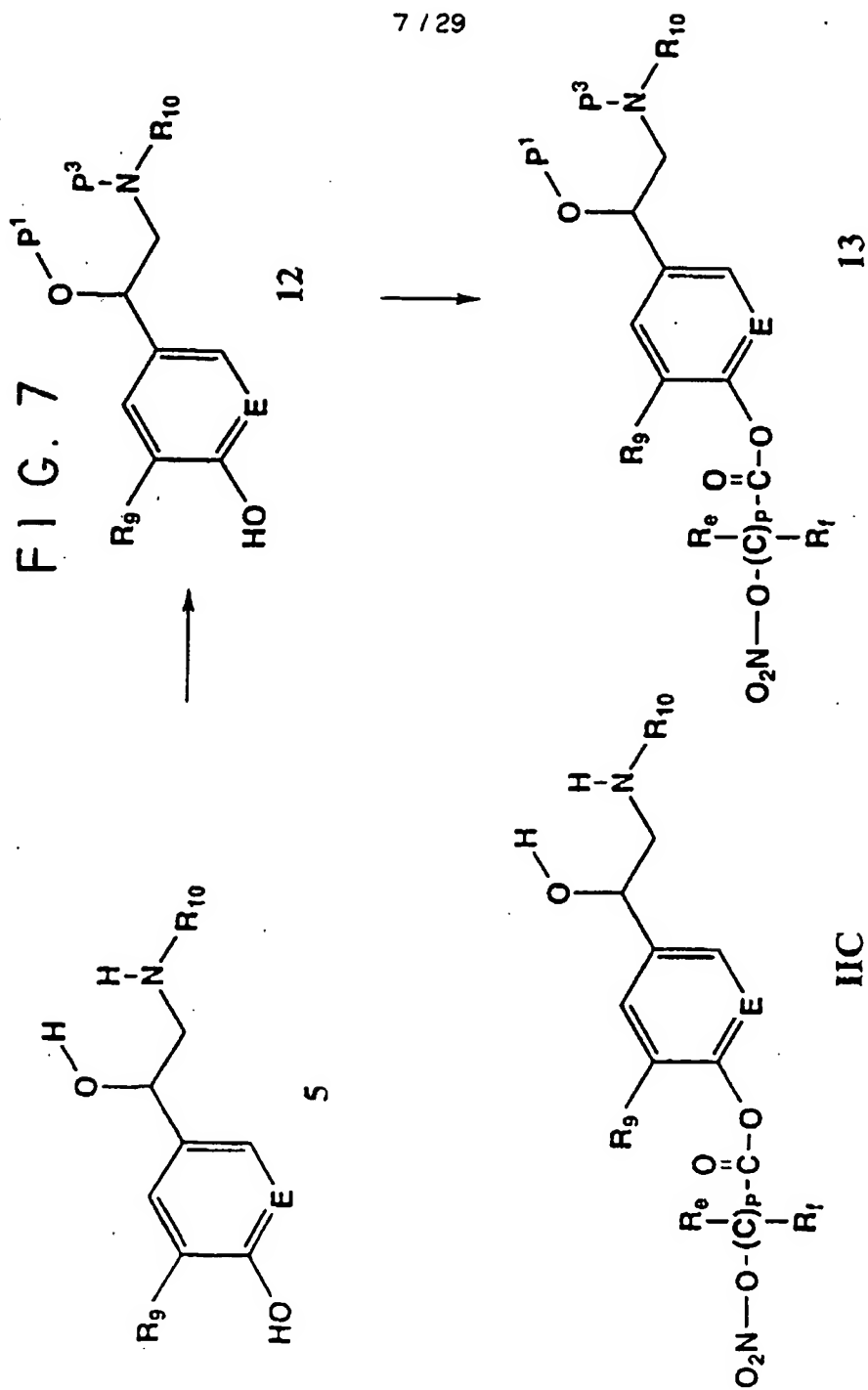


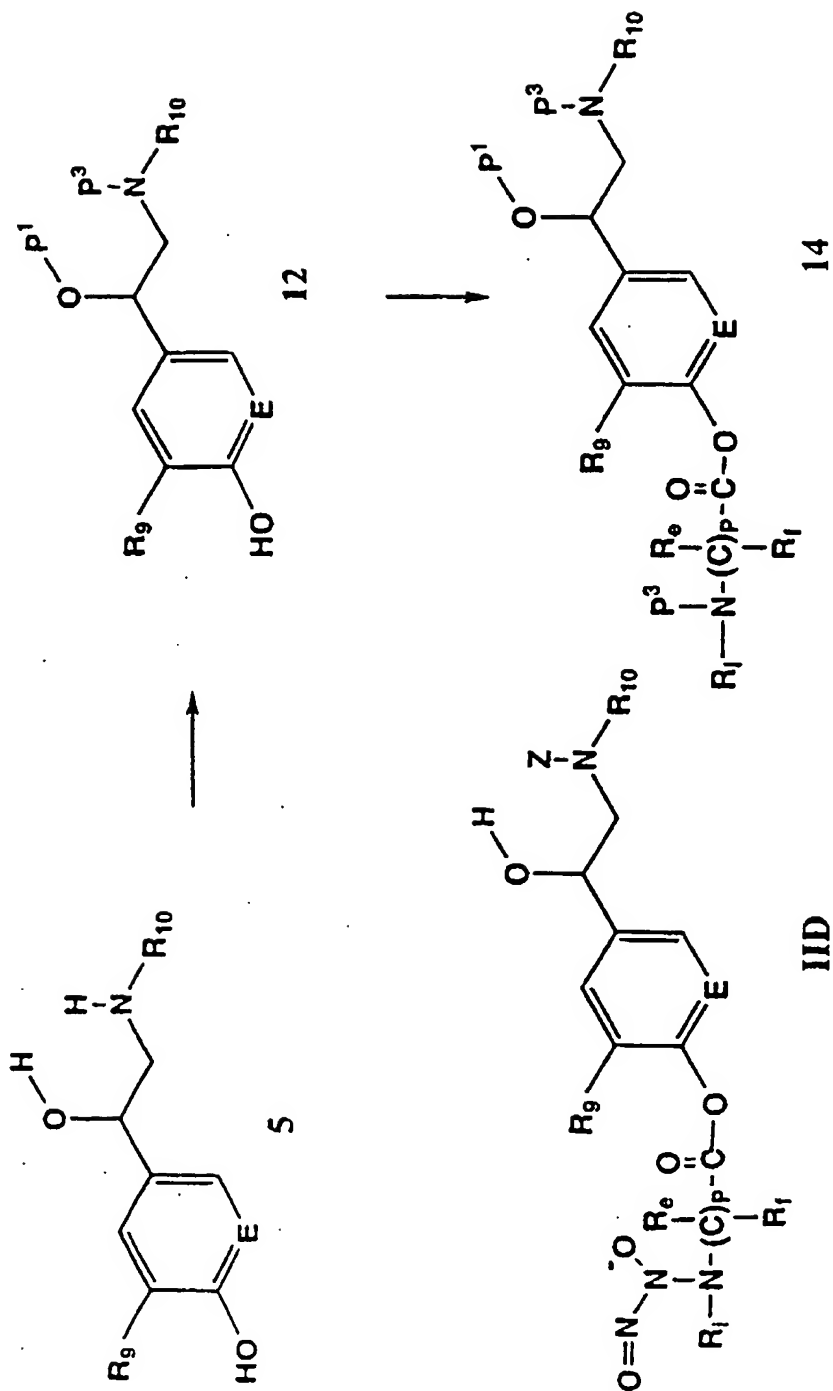
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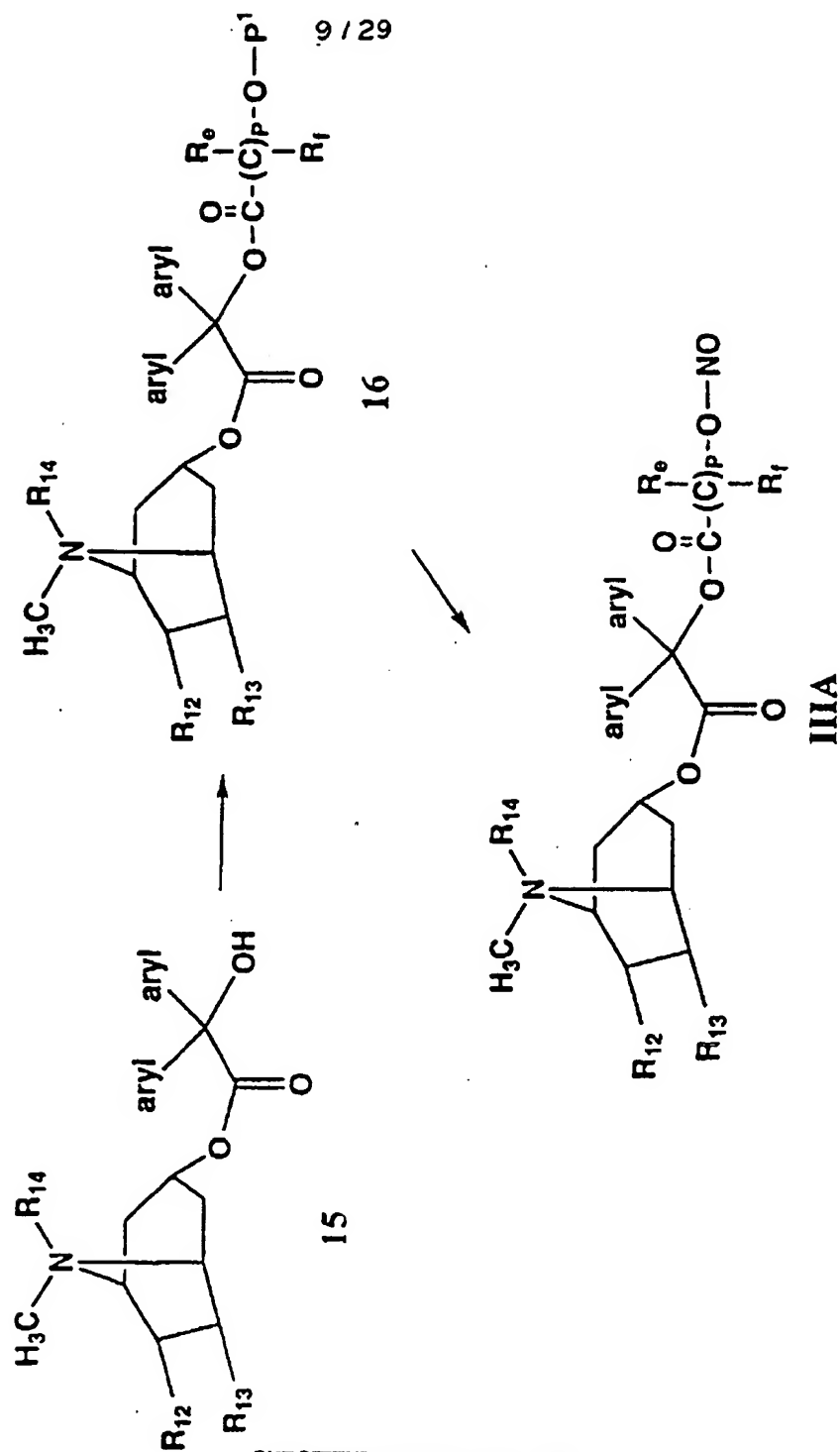
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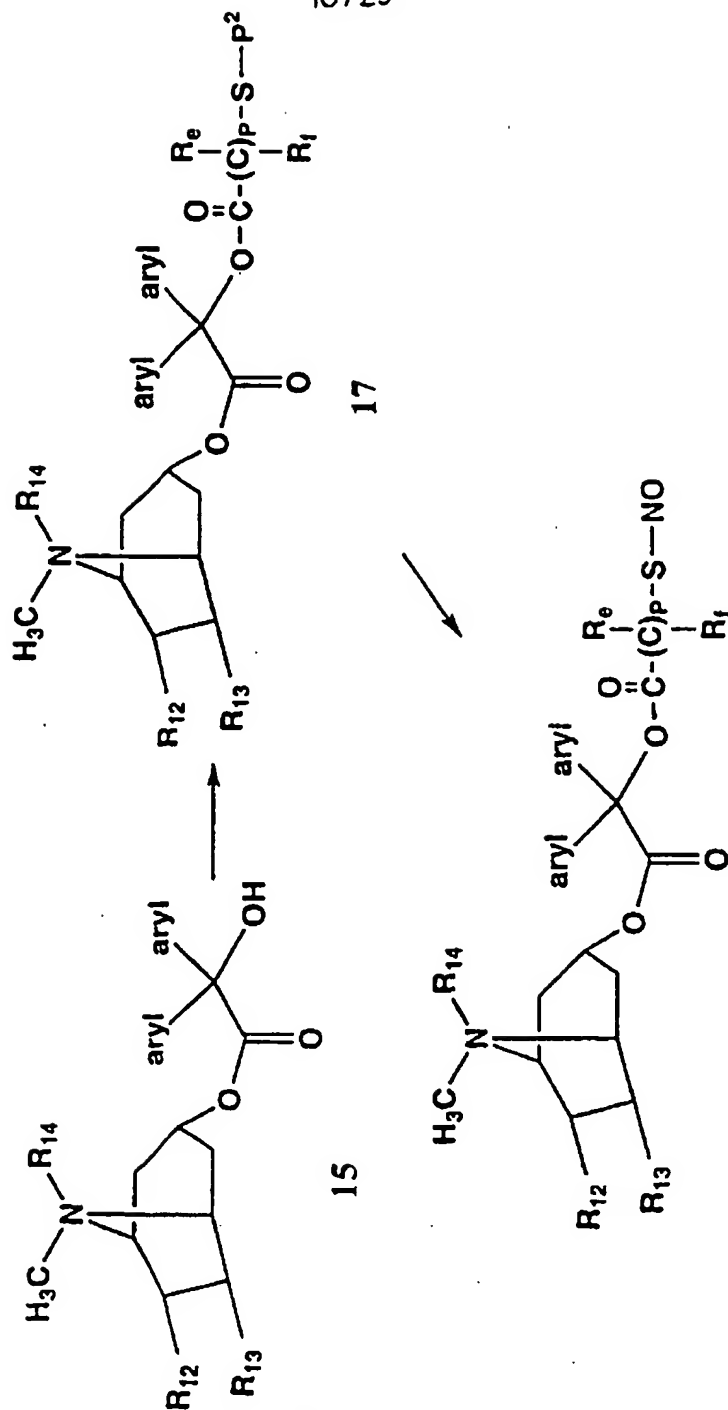
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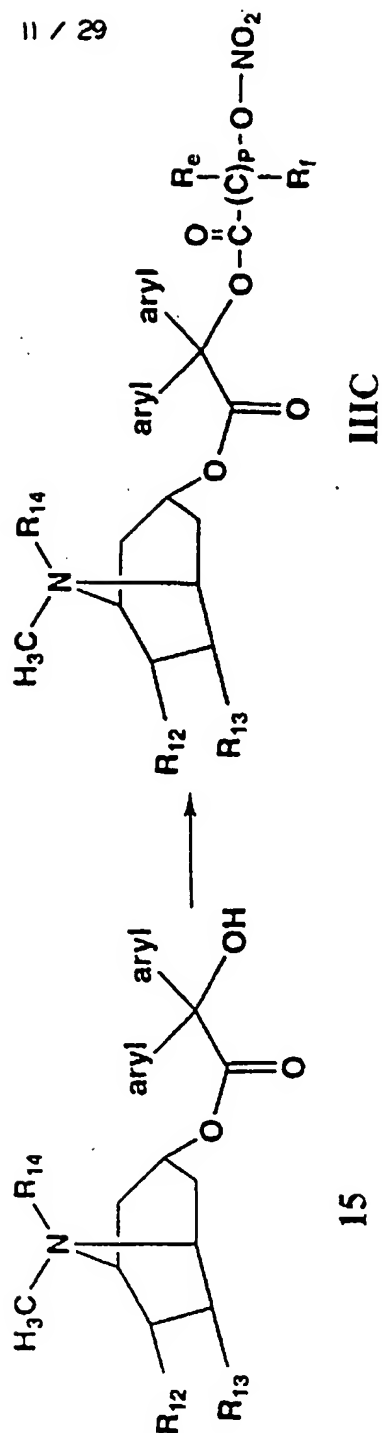
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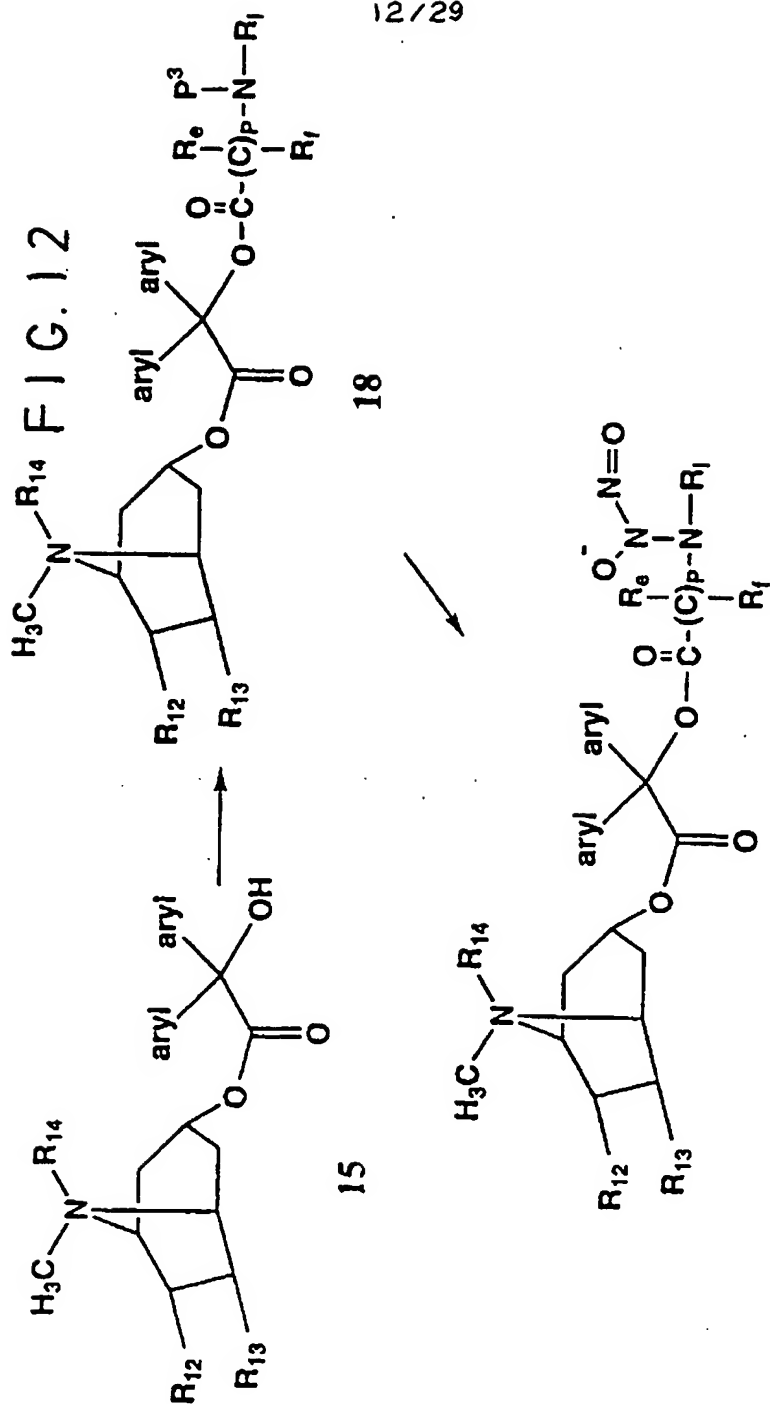
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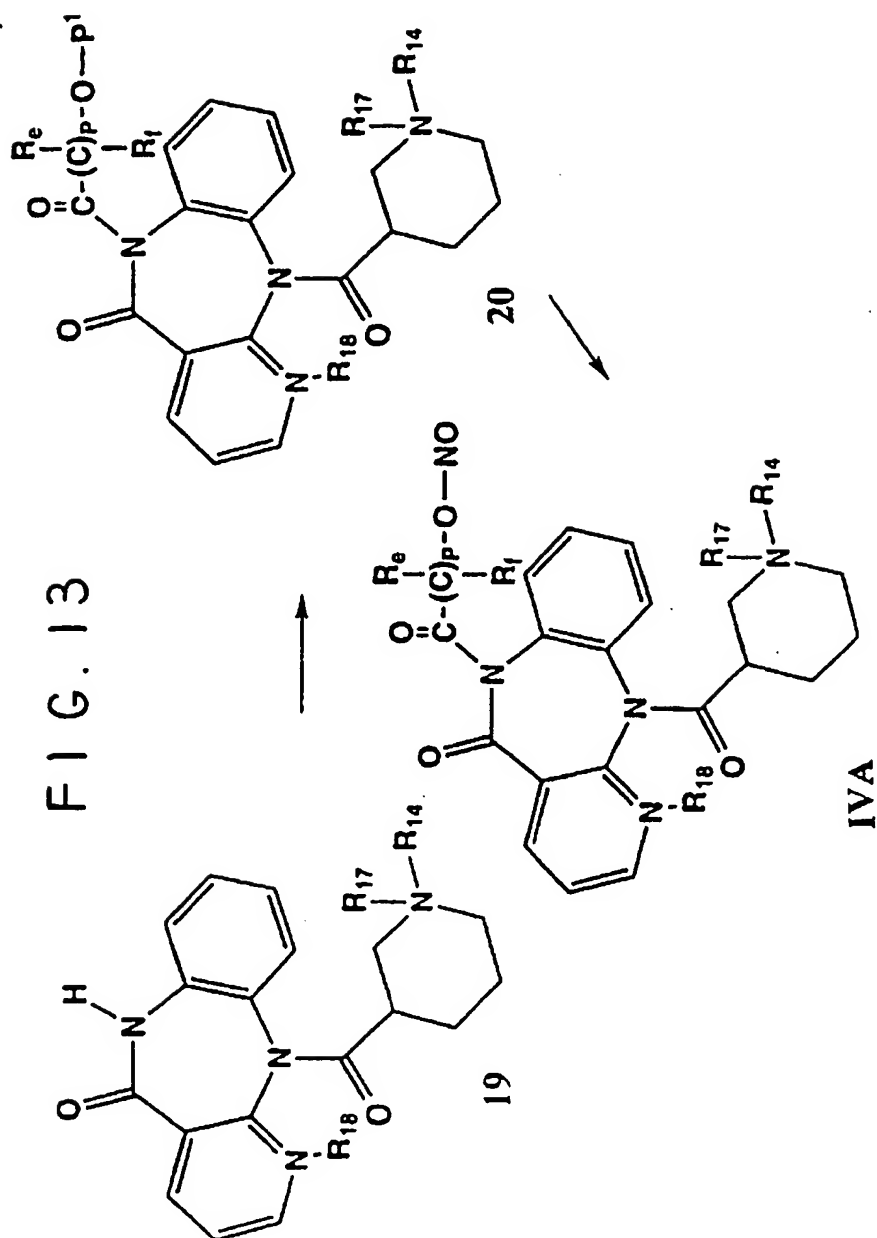
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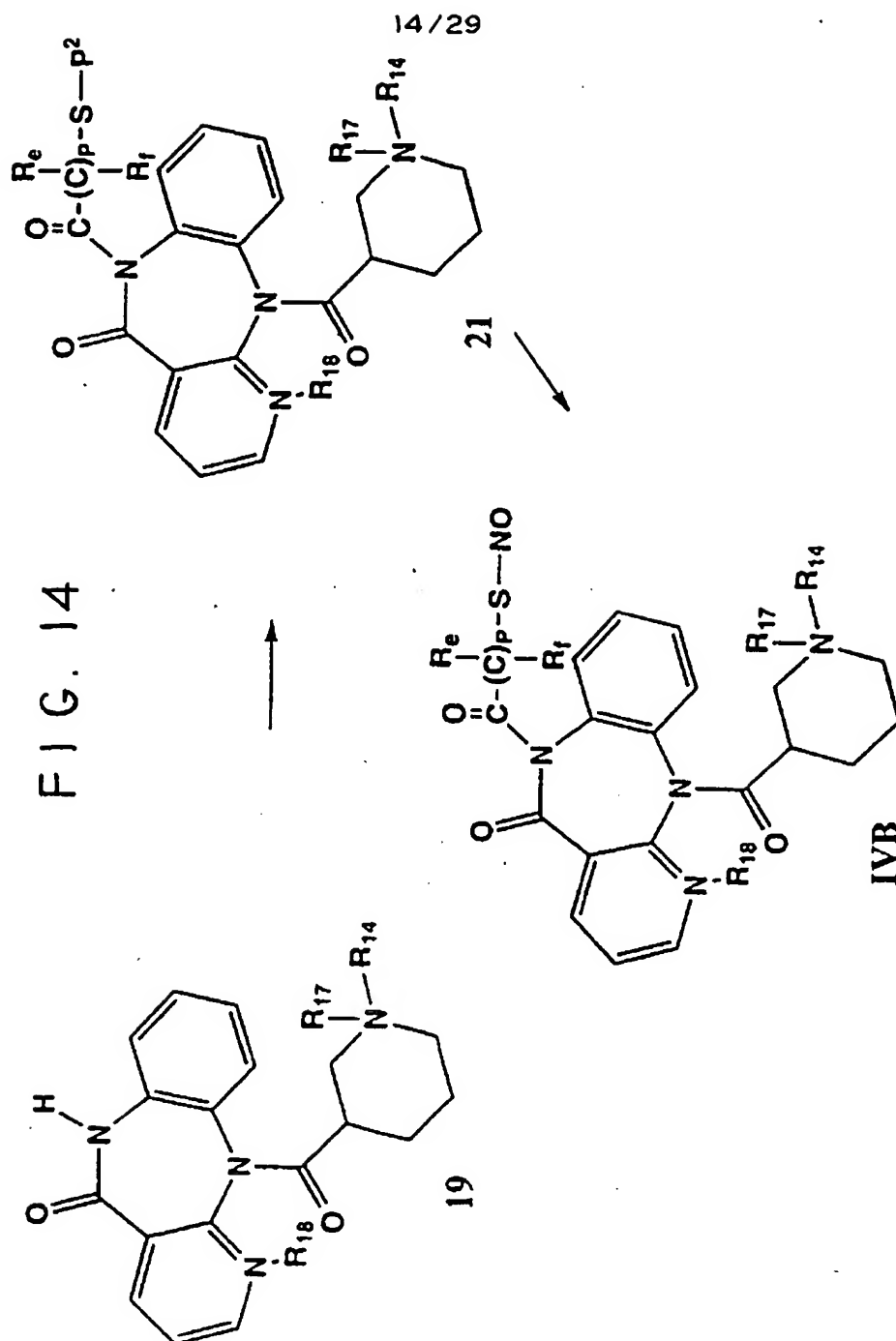
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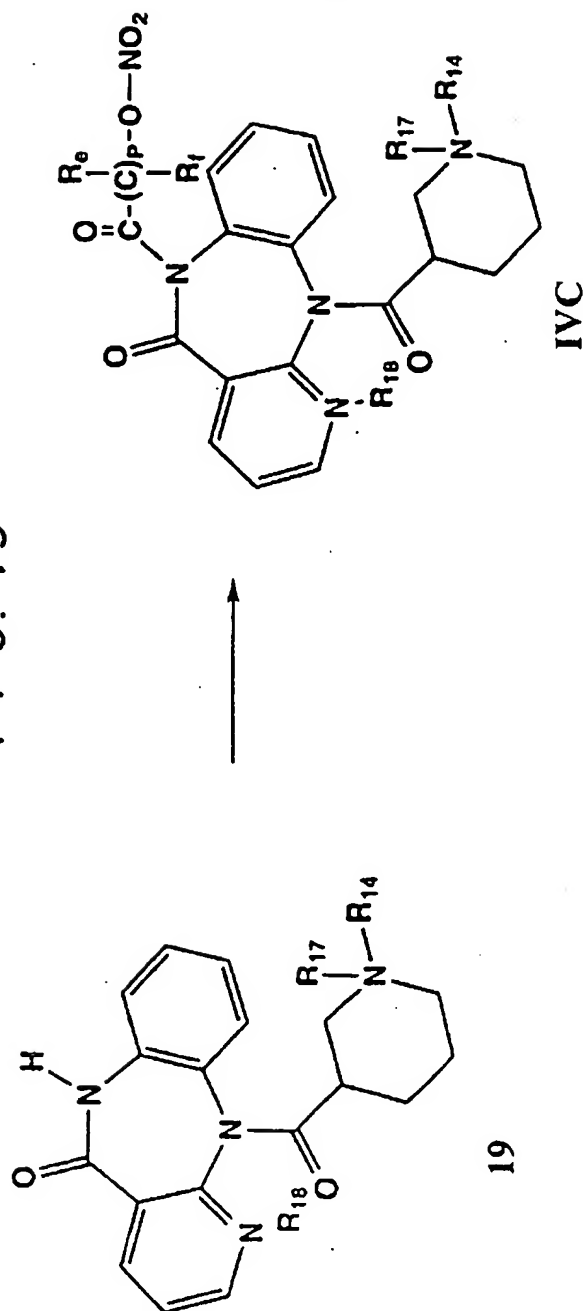




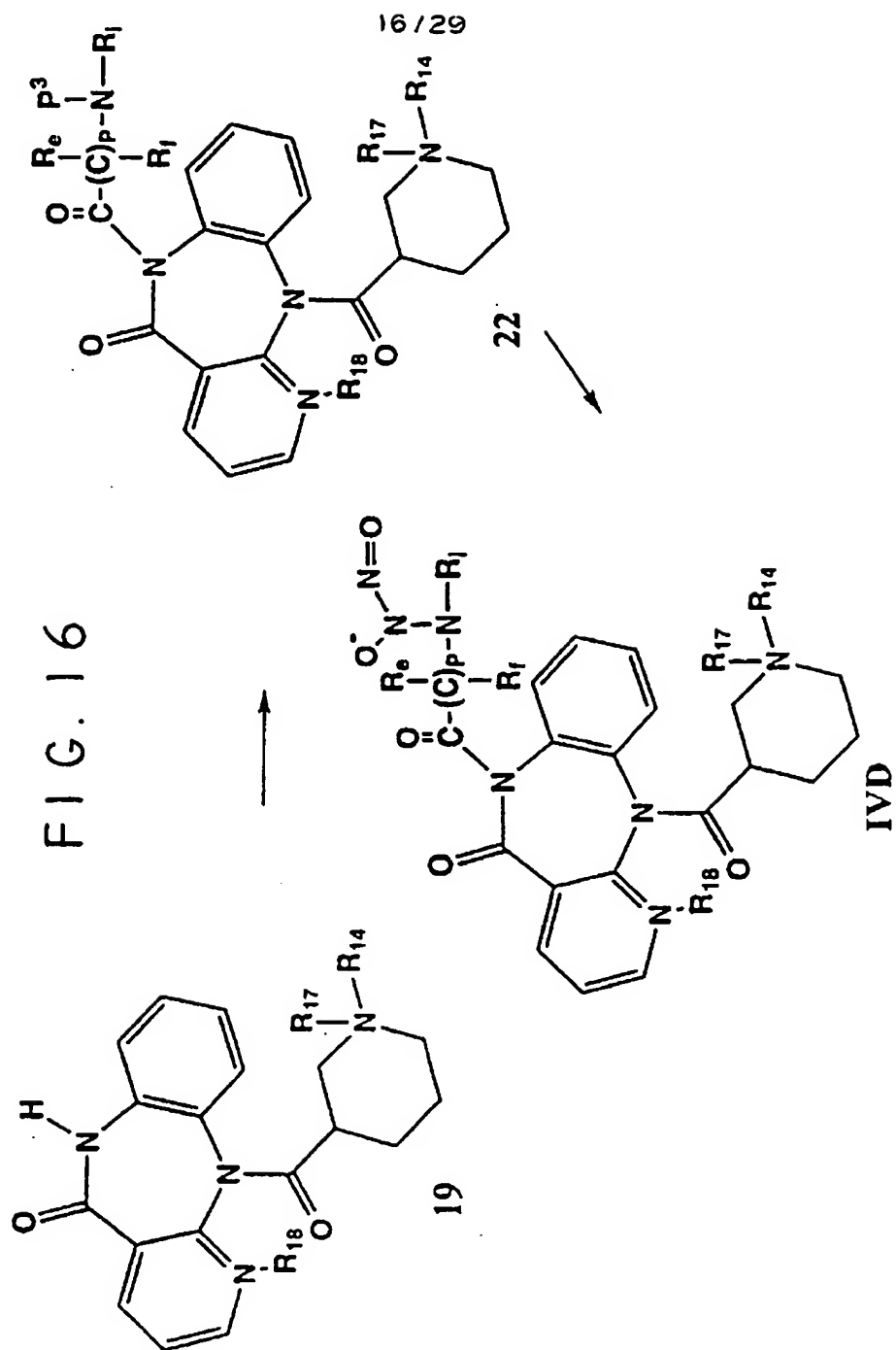


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FIG. 15

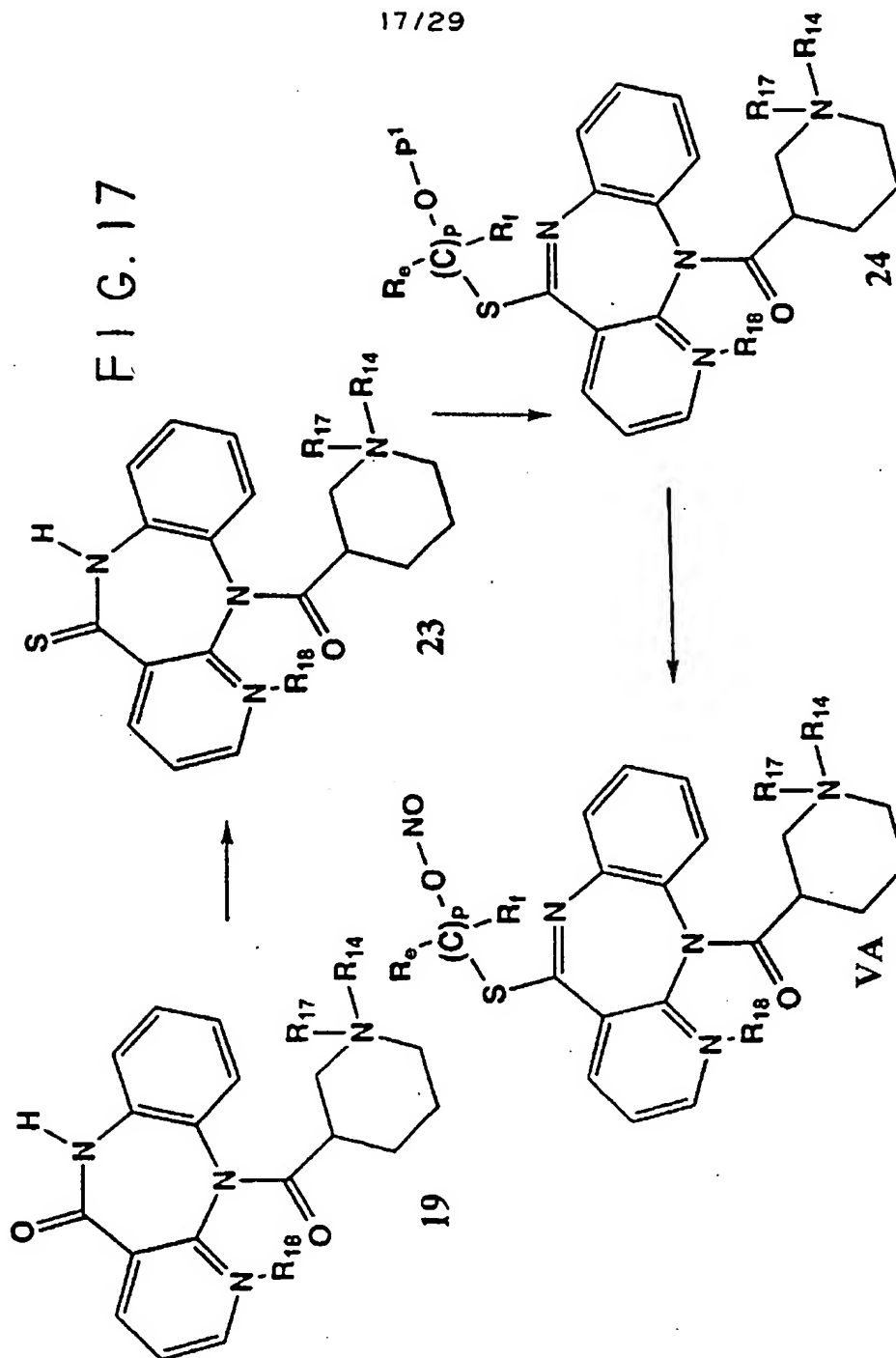


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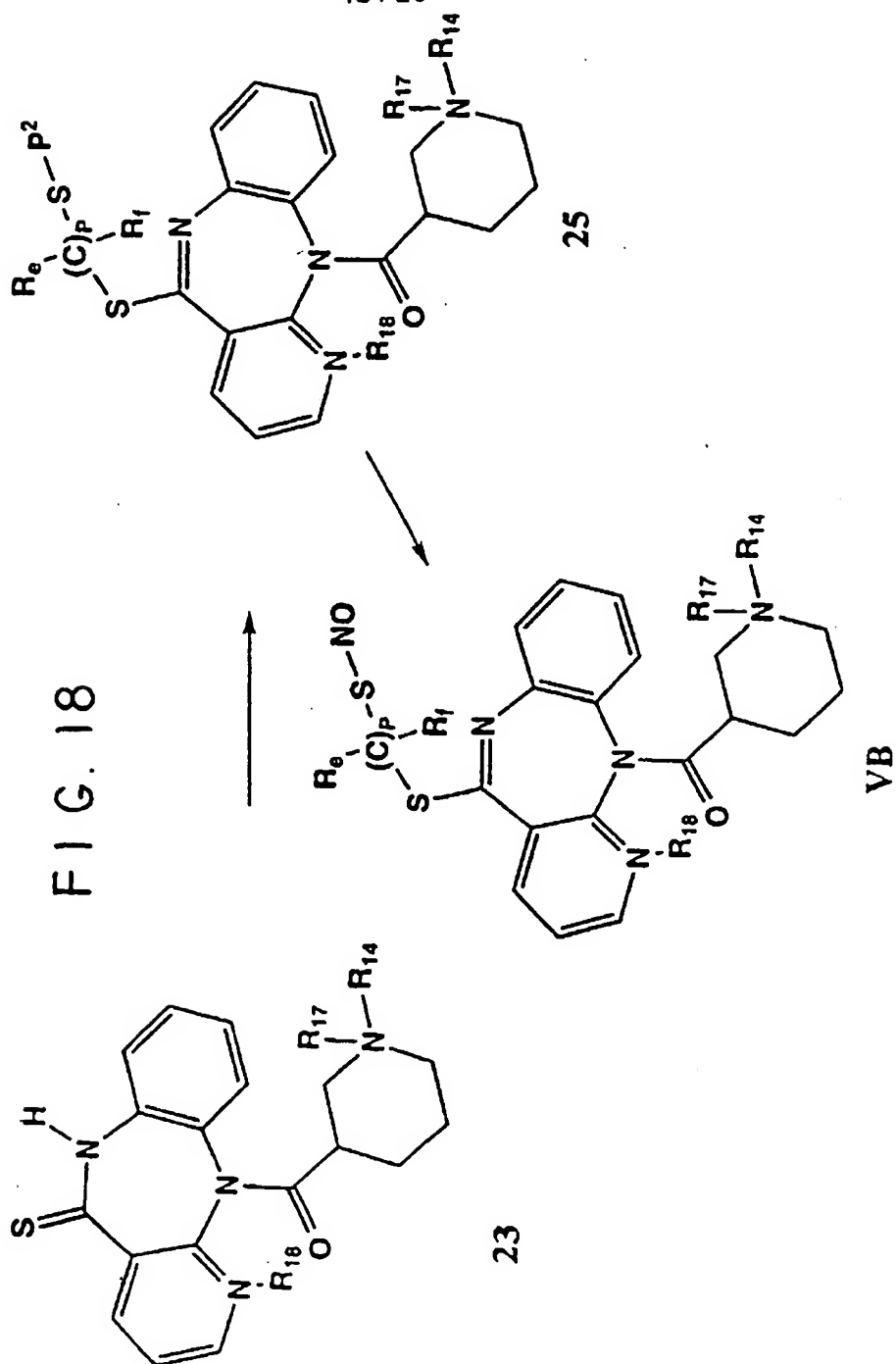


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FIG. 17

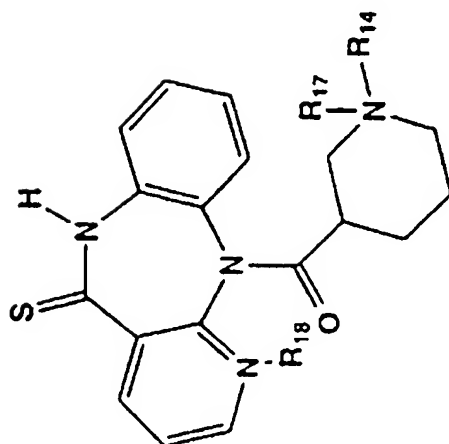
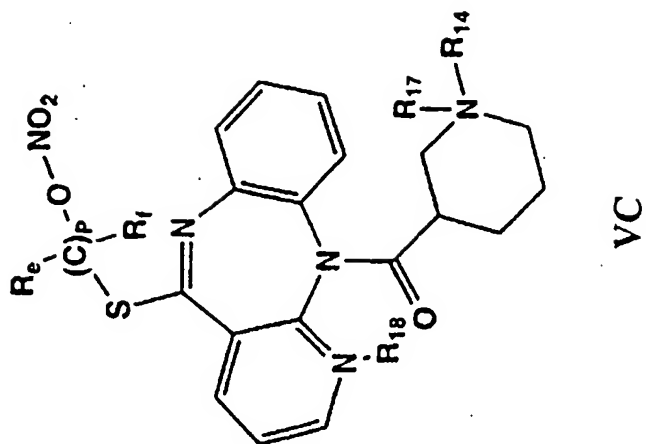


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FIG. 19



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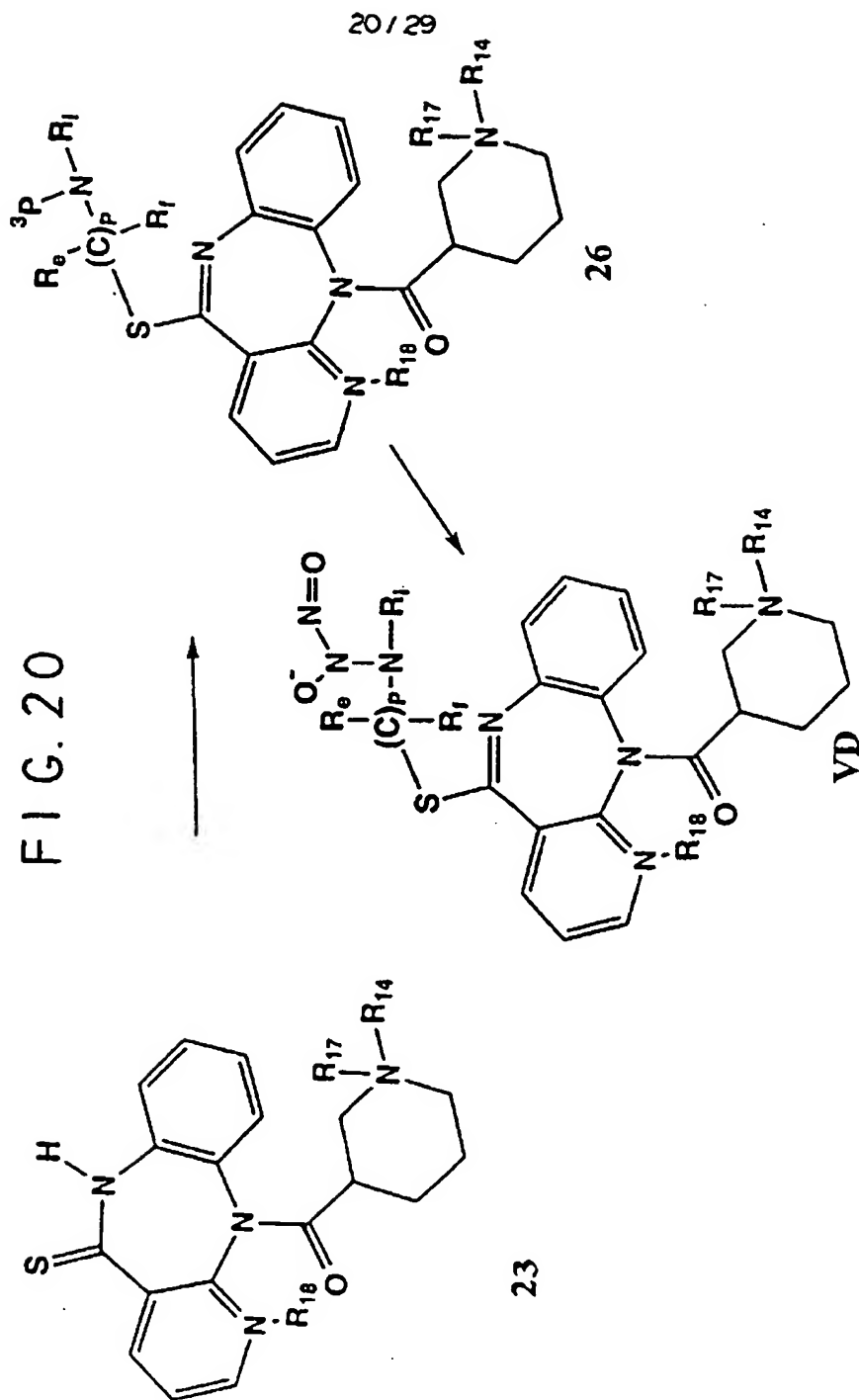


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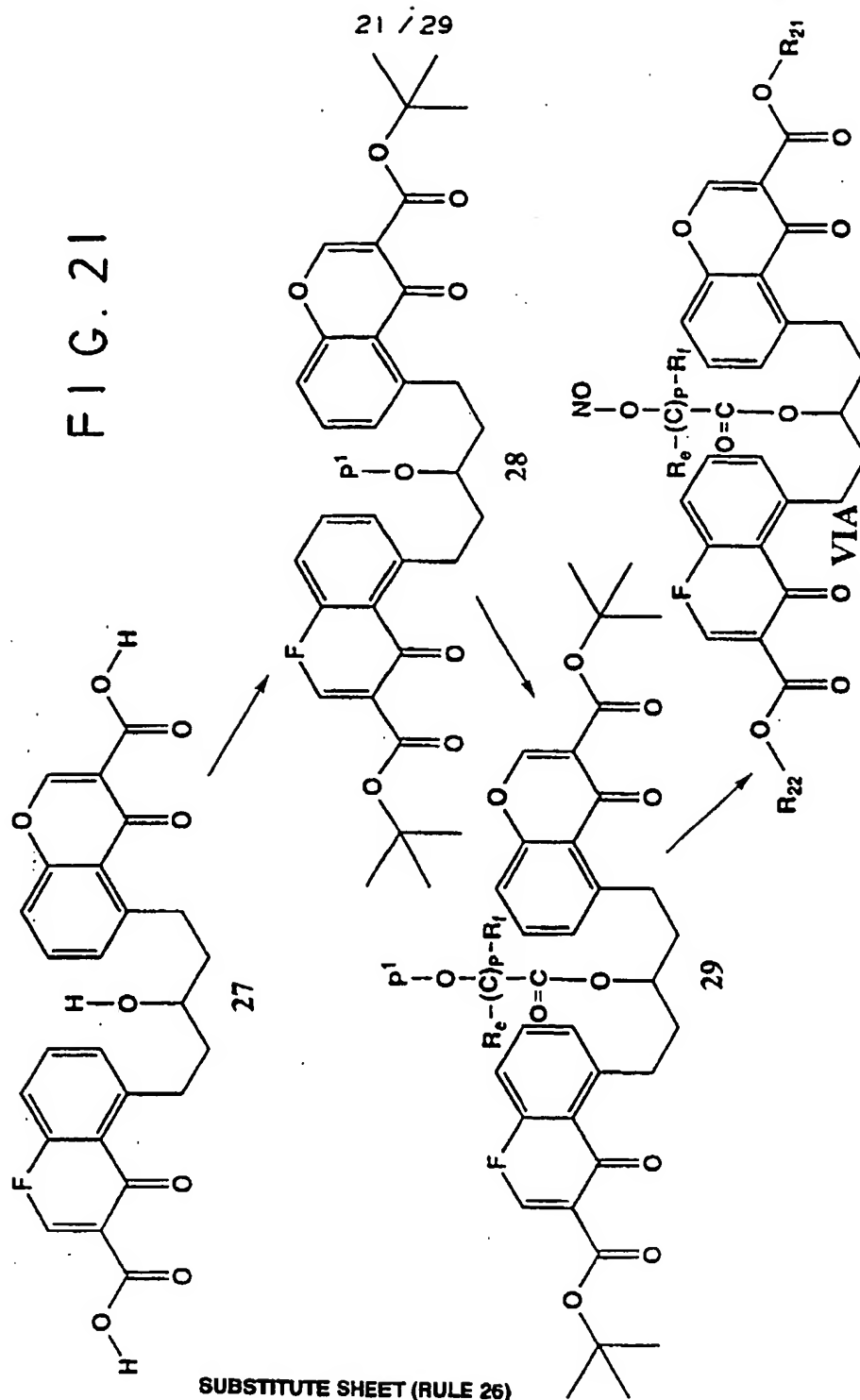
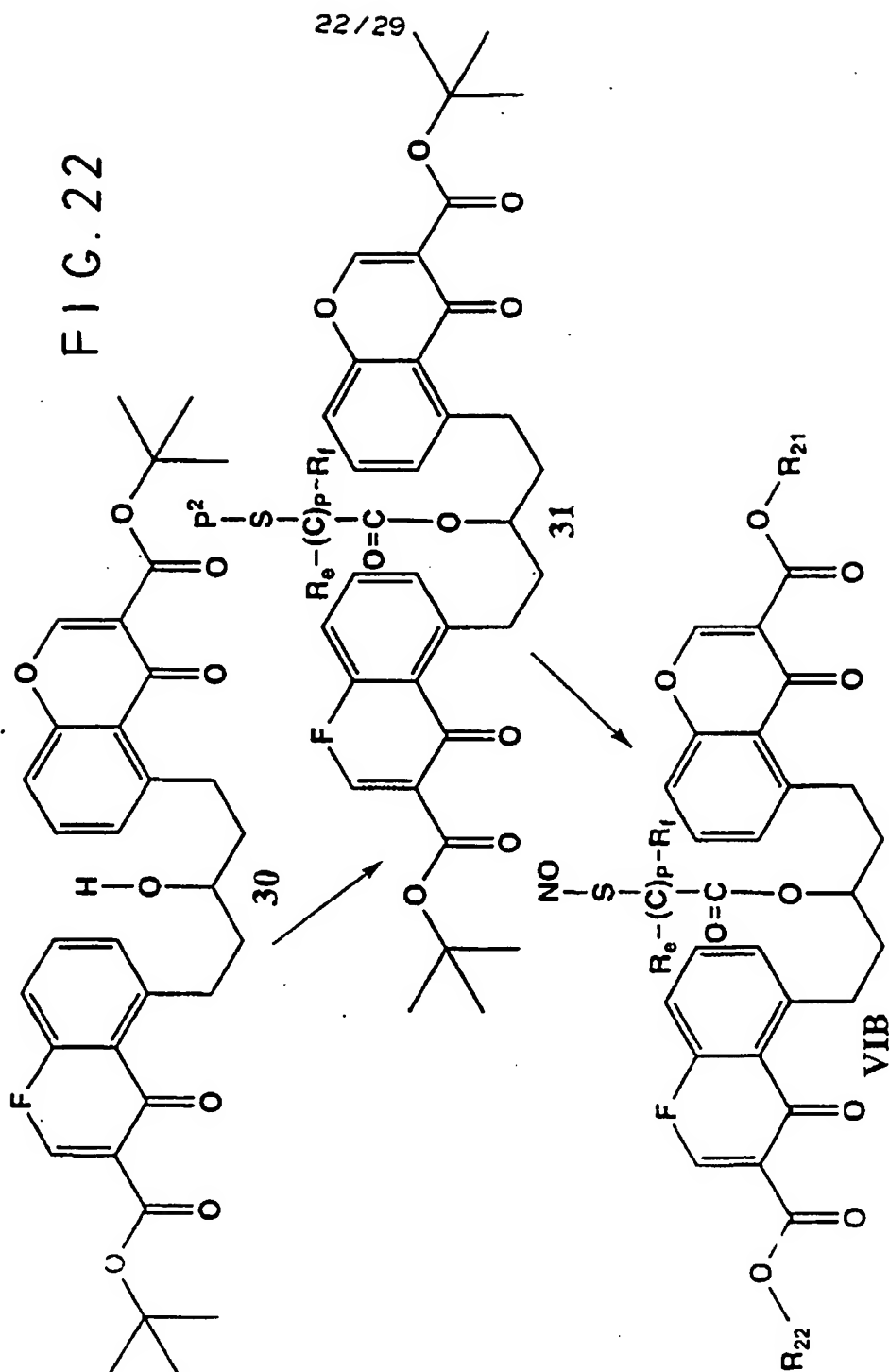


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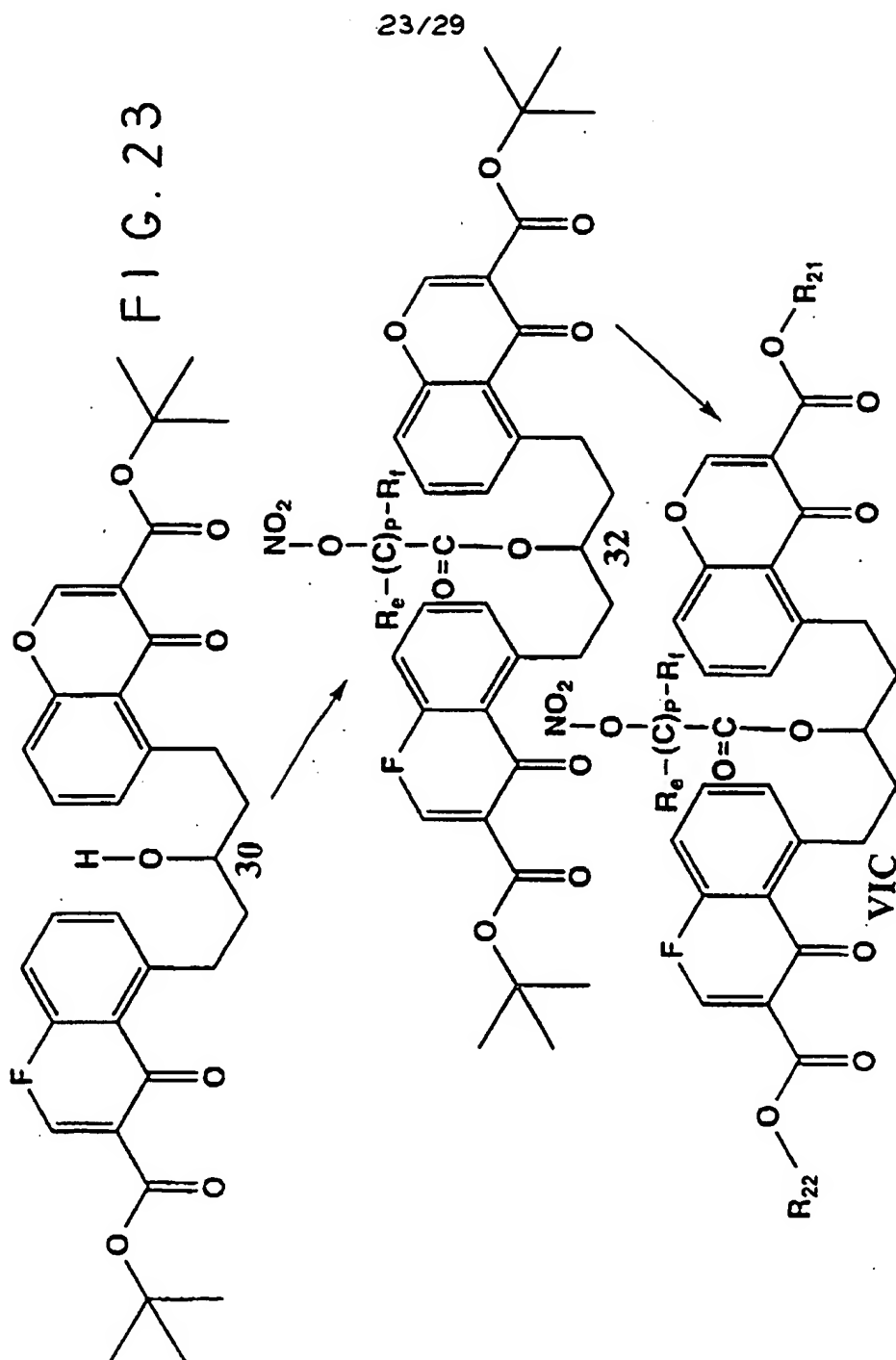
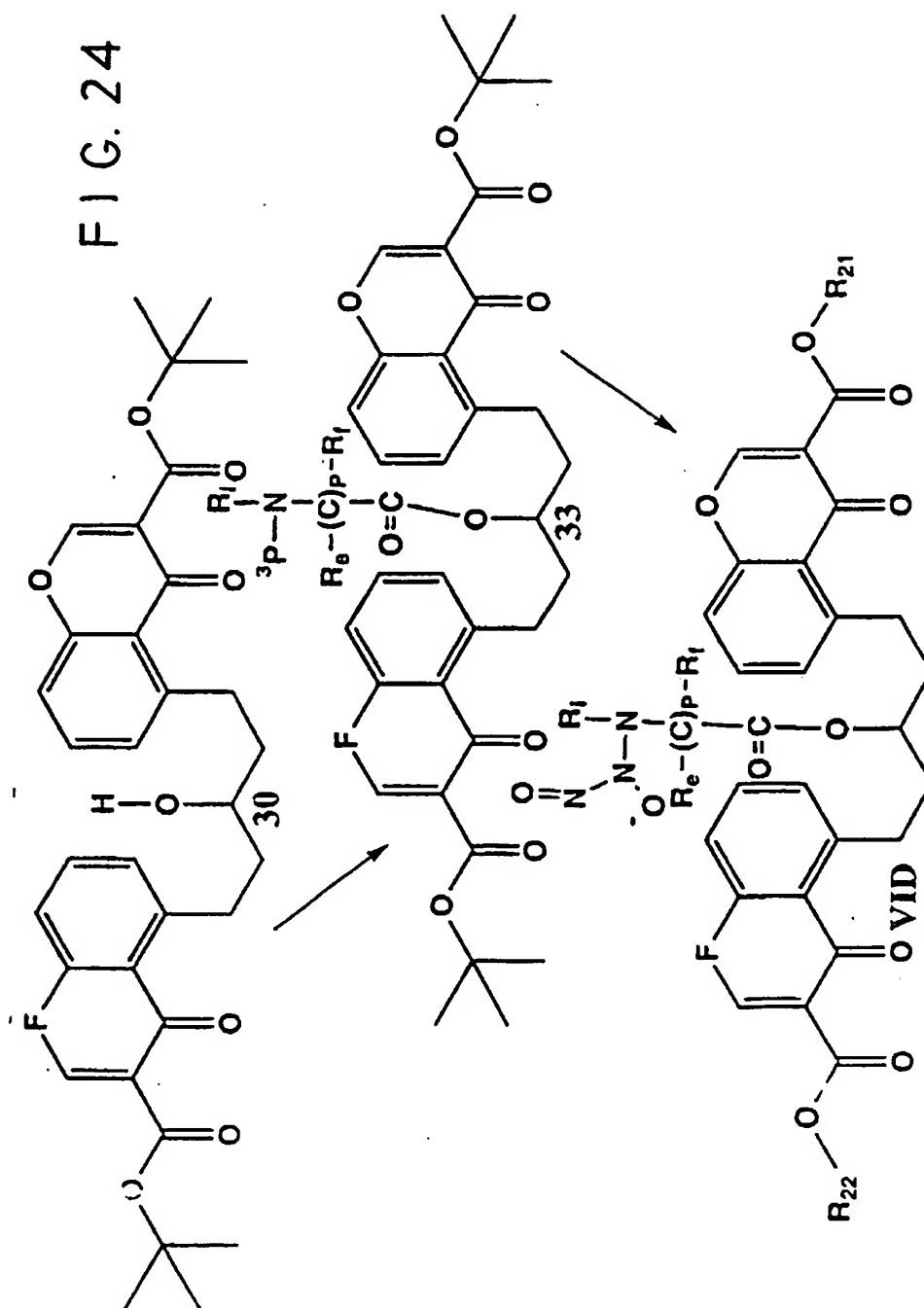
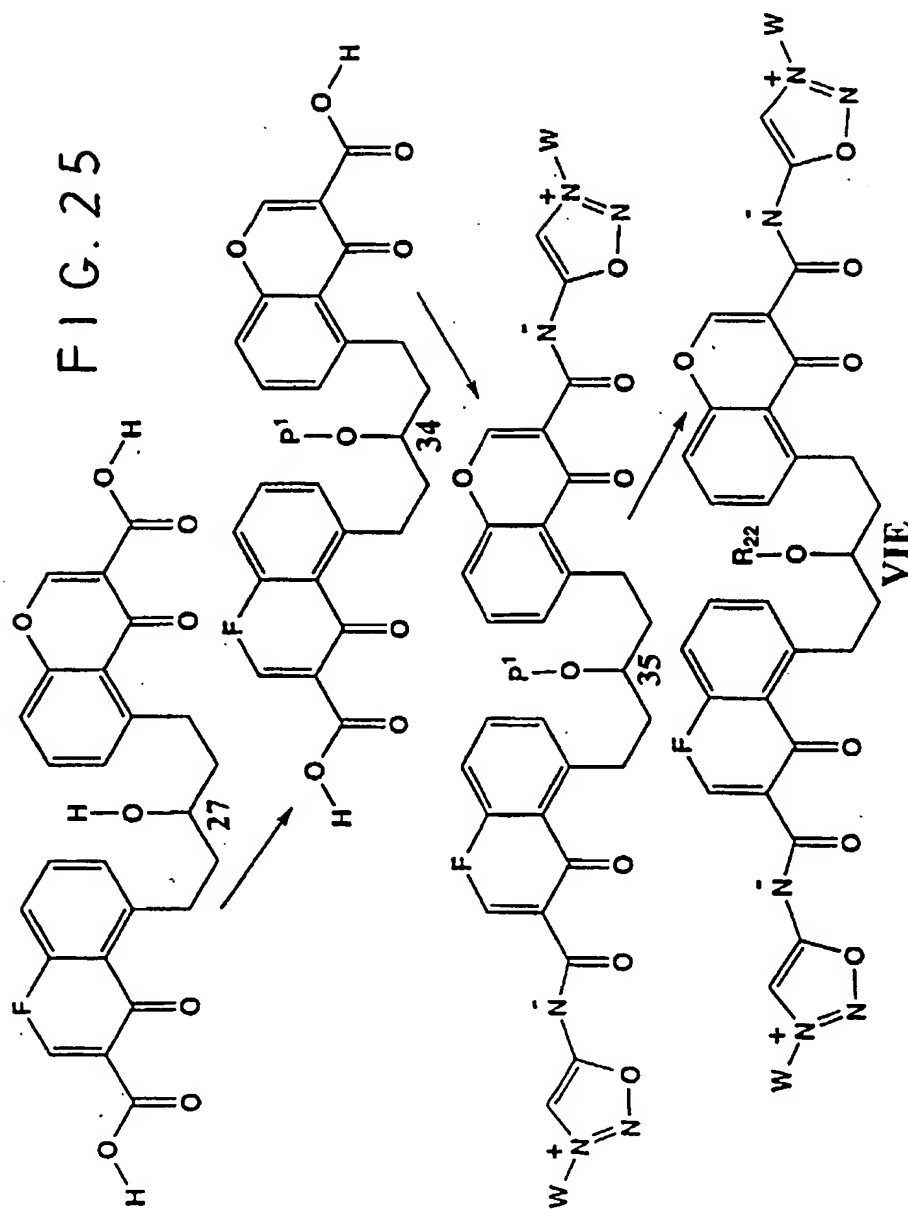


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FIG. 26

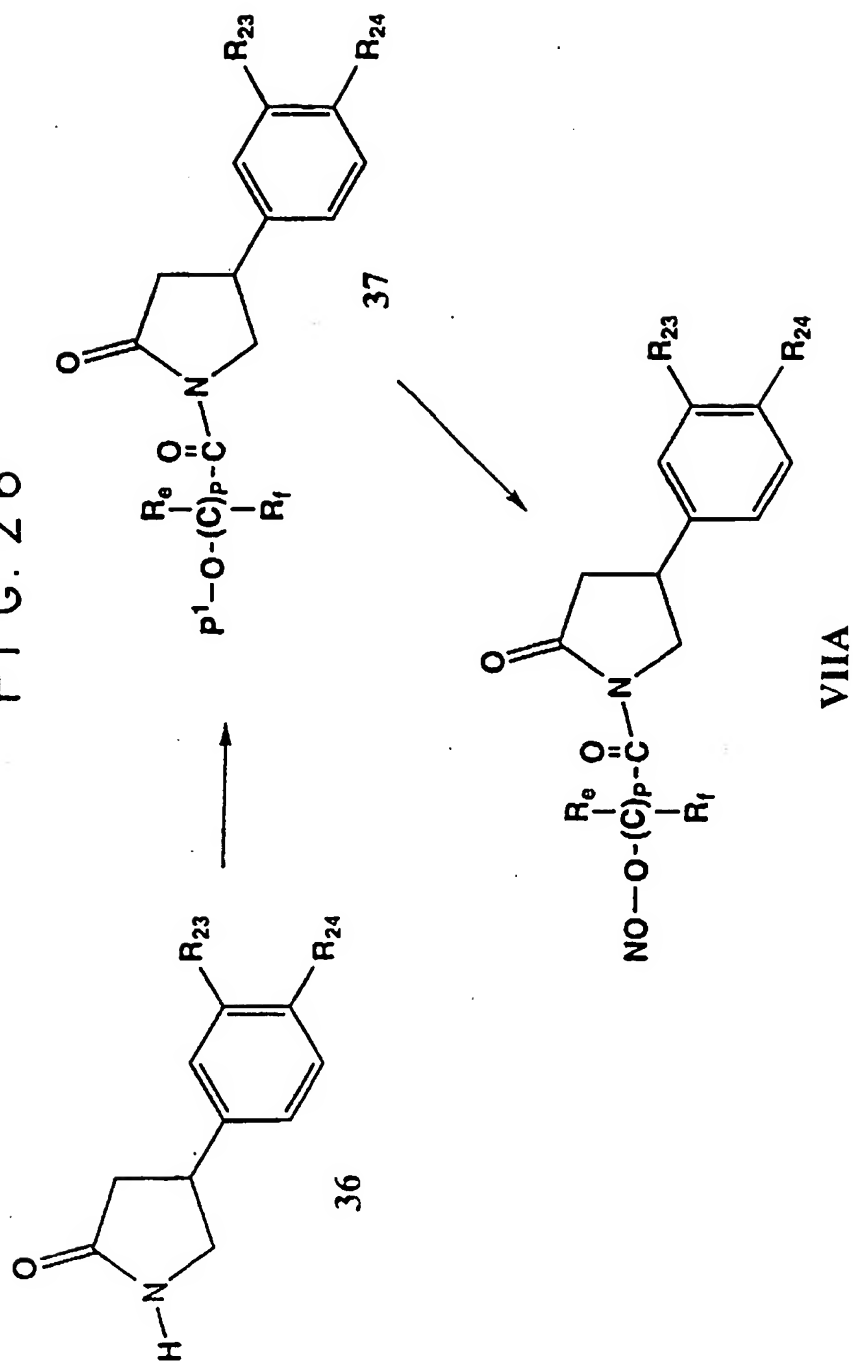
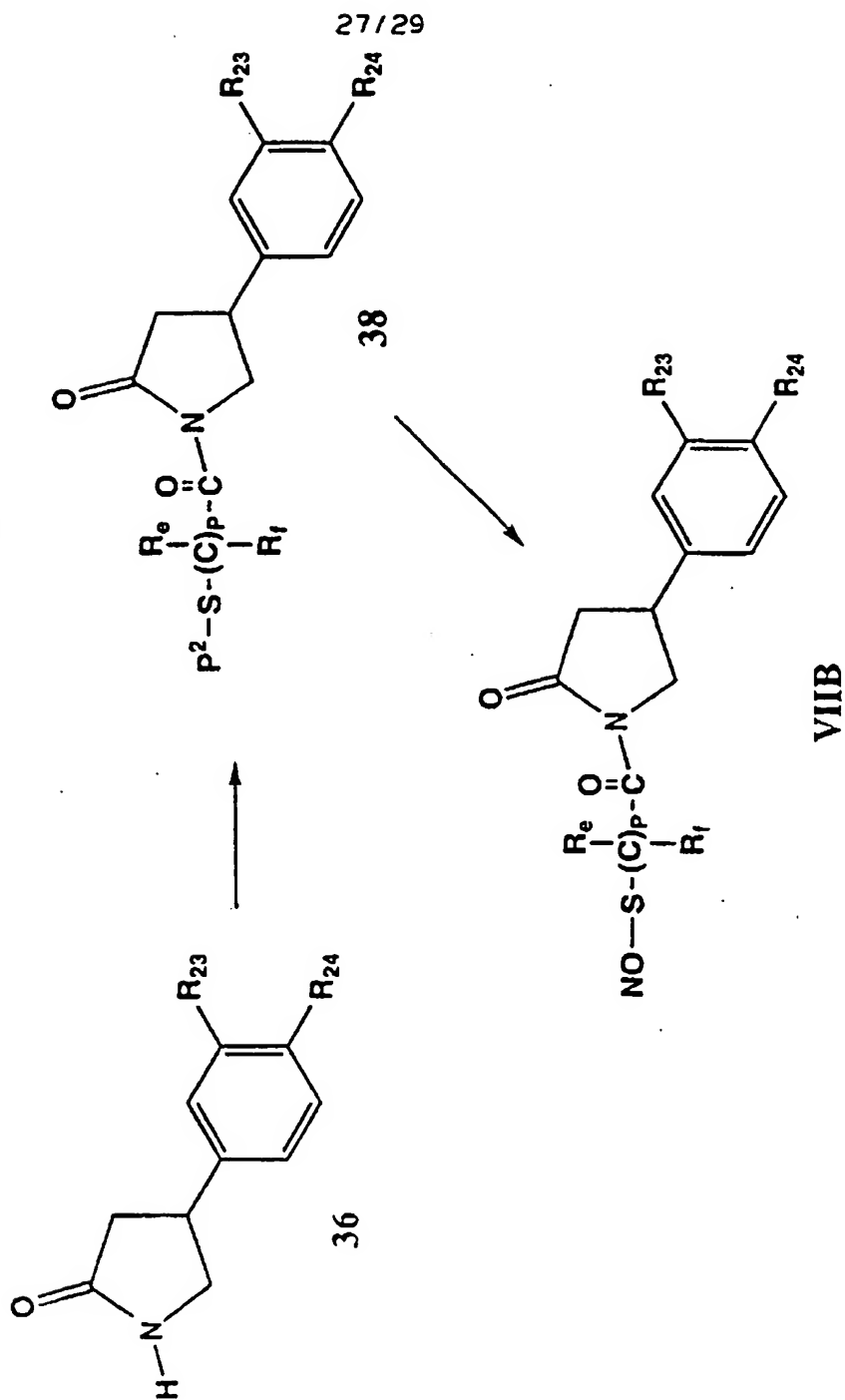
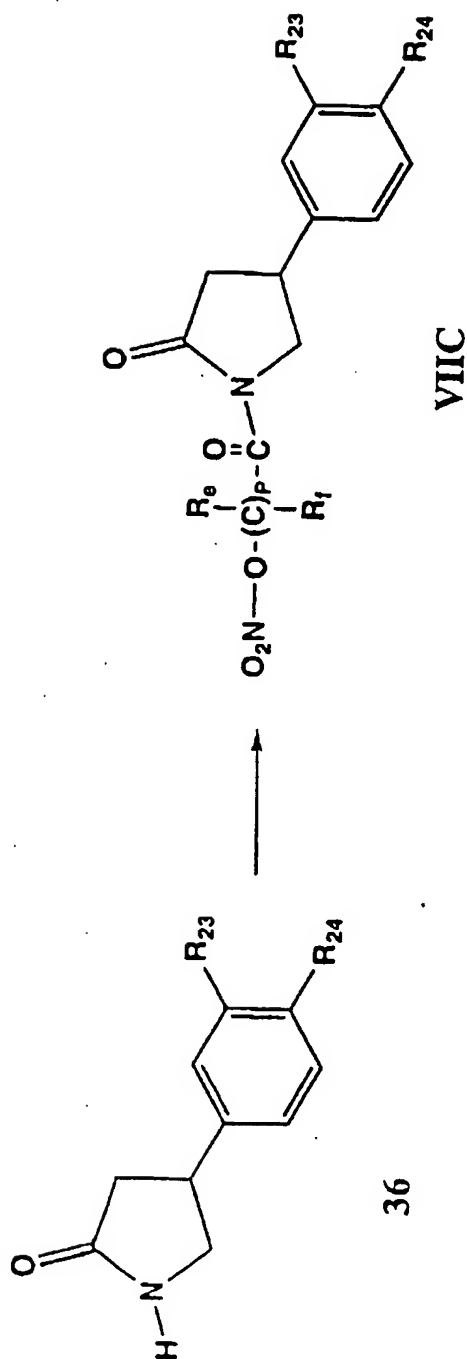


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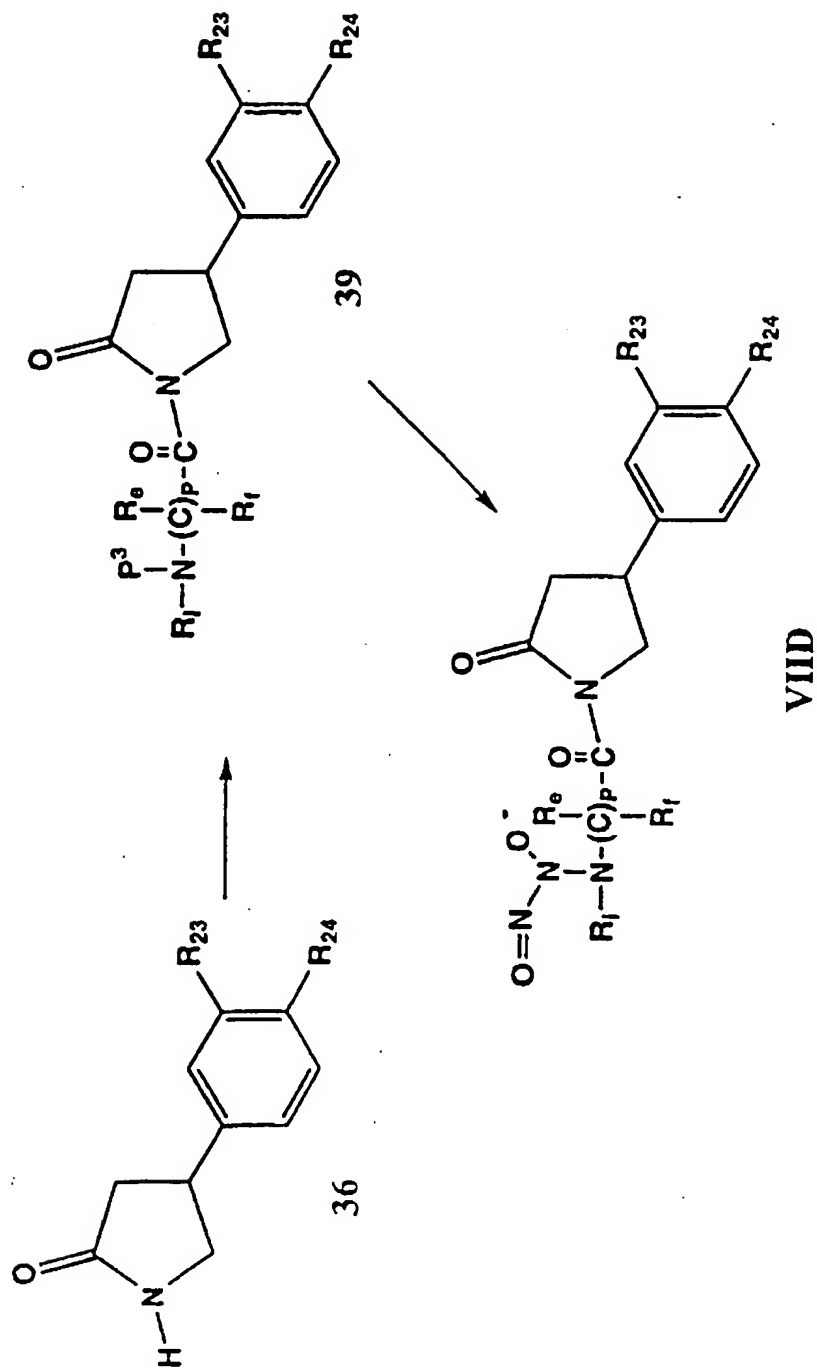
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FIG. 28



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FIG. 29



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